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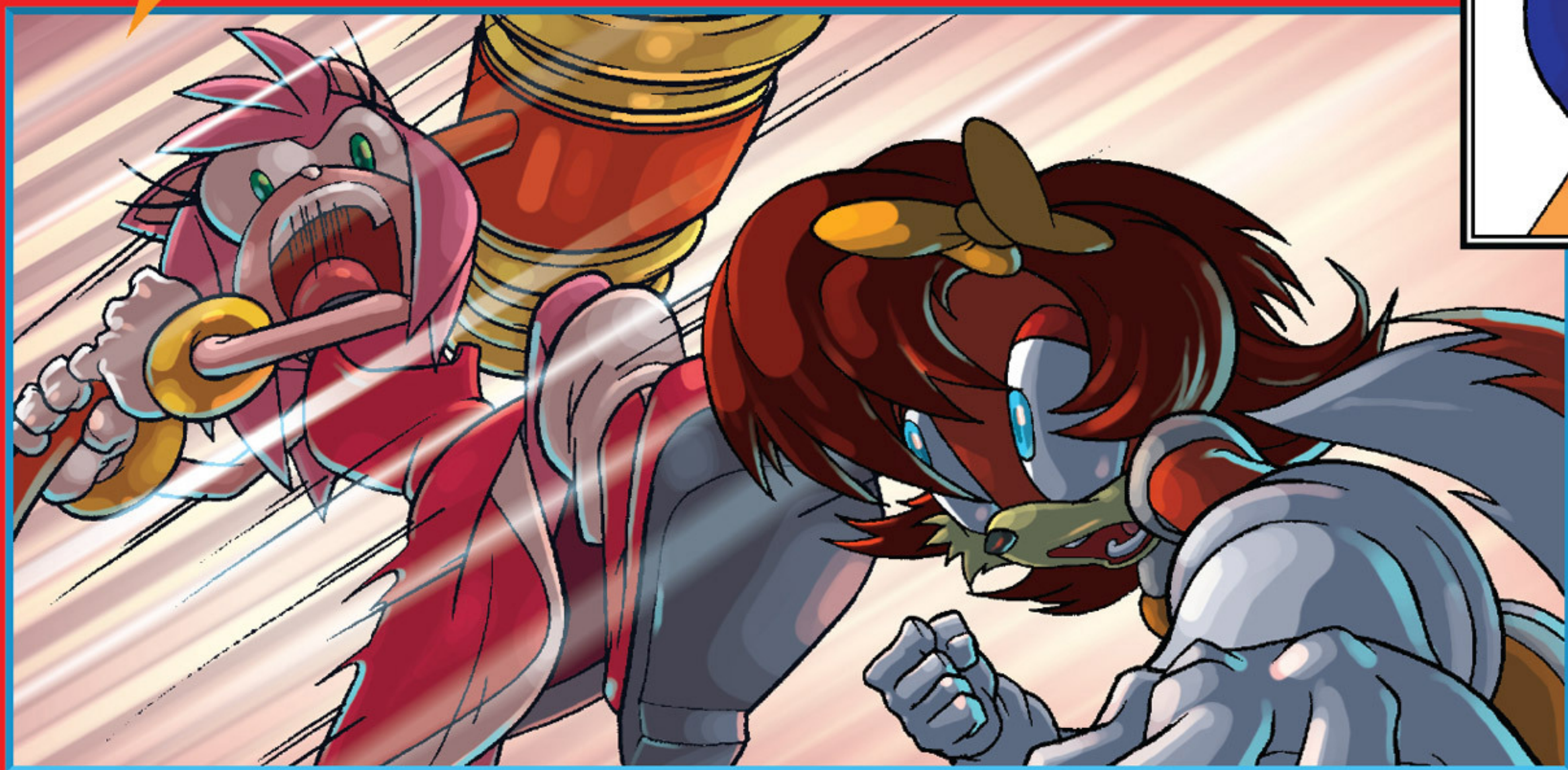
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# SONIC

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## THE HEDGEHOG

**AMY vs. FIONA!**



**SONIC  
IN HOT  
WATER**

**Bunnie & Antoine Back Together**

**BUT  
WILL  
IT  
LAST?**



**SCOURGE'S  
SECRET DATE**

**THE REAL STORY**





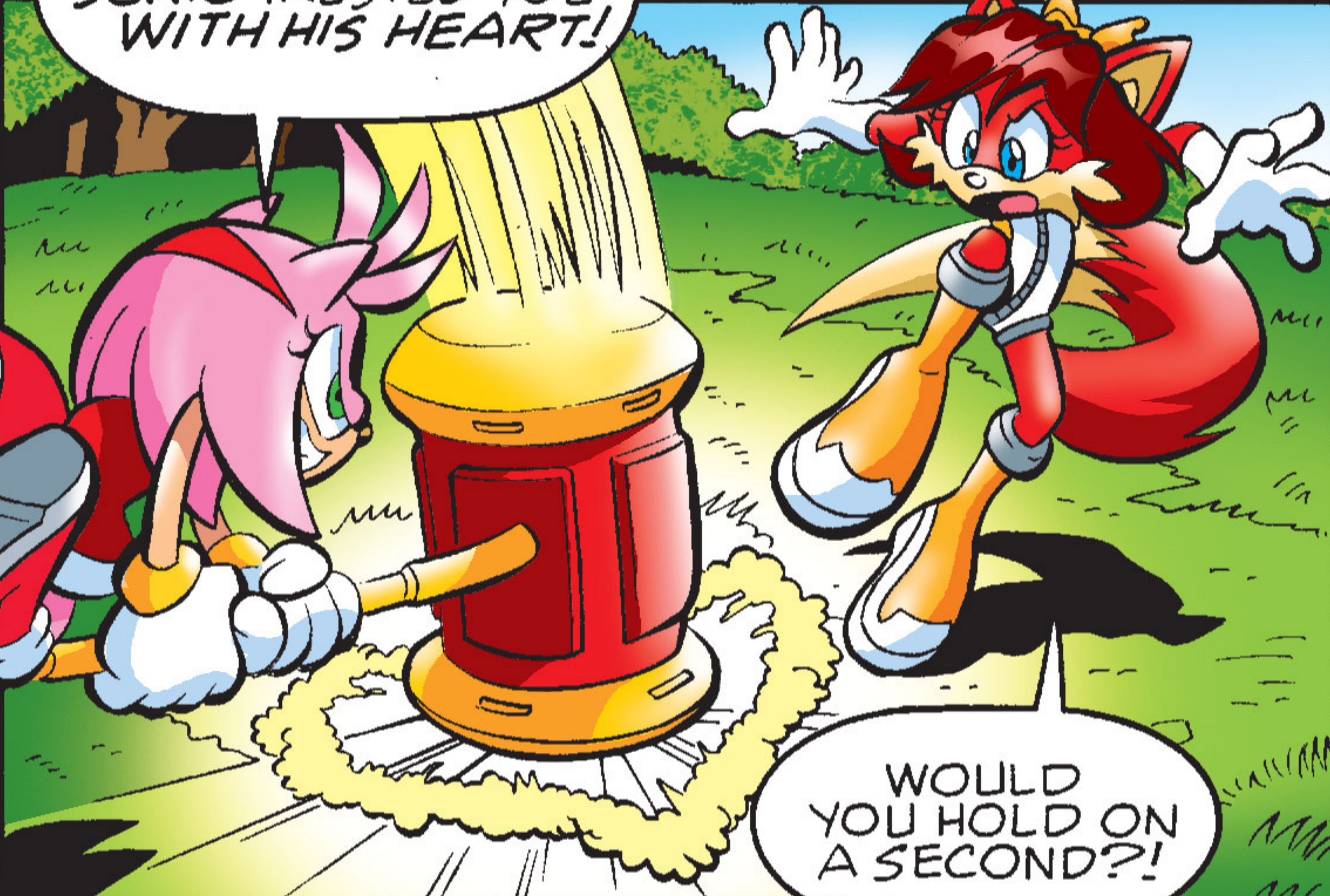
# TRUTH OF THE HEART



HOW COULD YOU?!

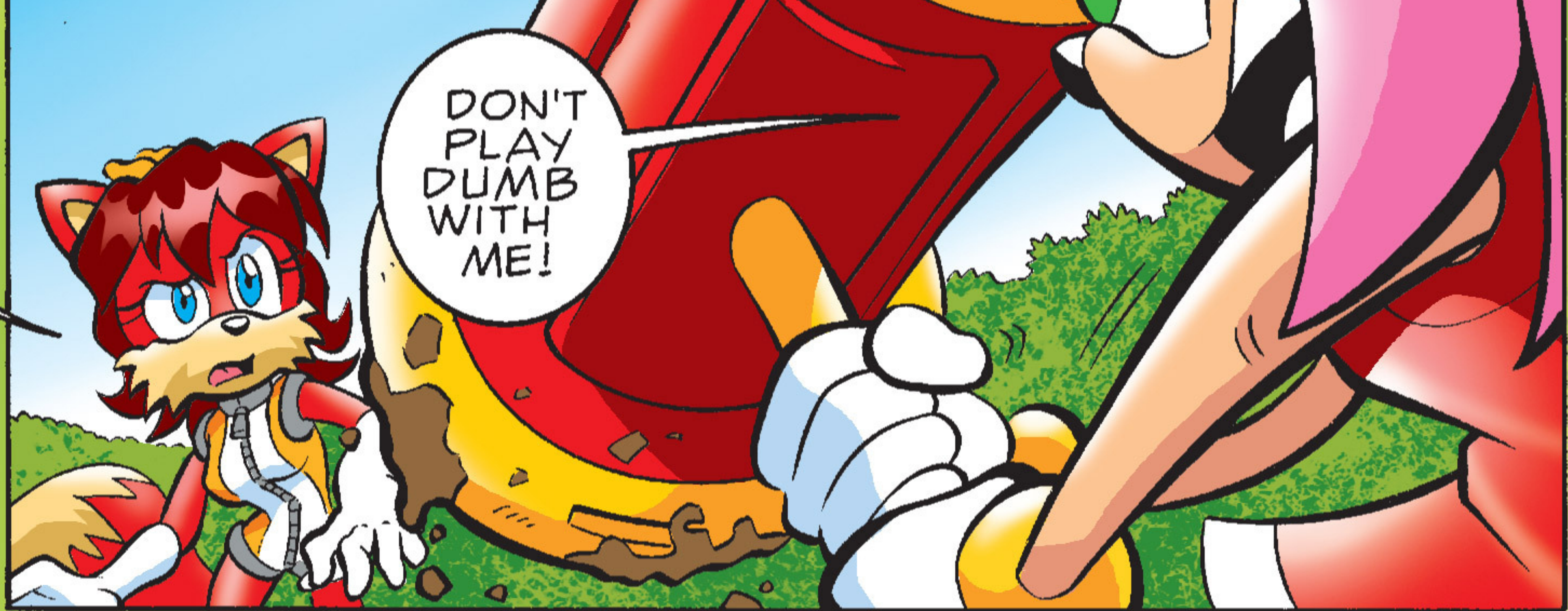
WHOA!

WE TRUSTED YOU!  
SONIC TRUSTED YOU  
WITH HIS HEART!



WOULD YOU HOLD ON A SECOND?!

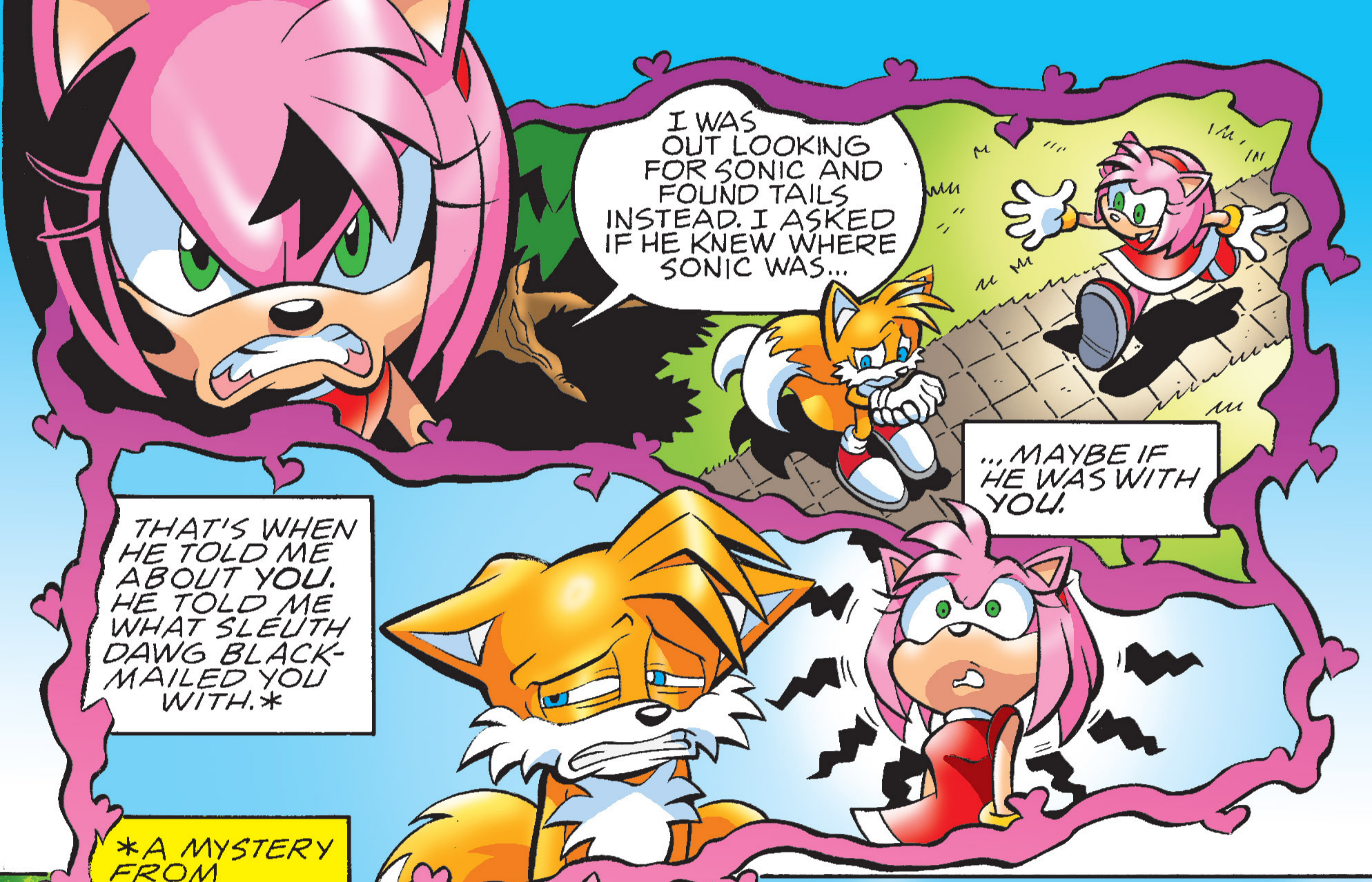
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?



DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!

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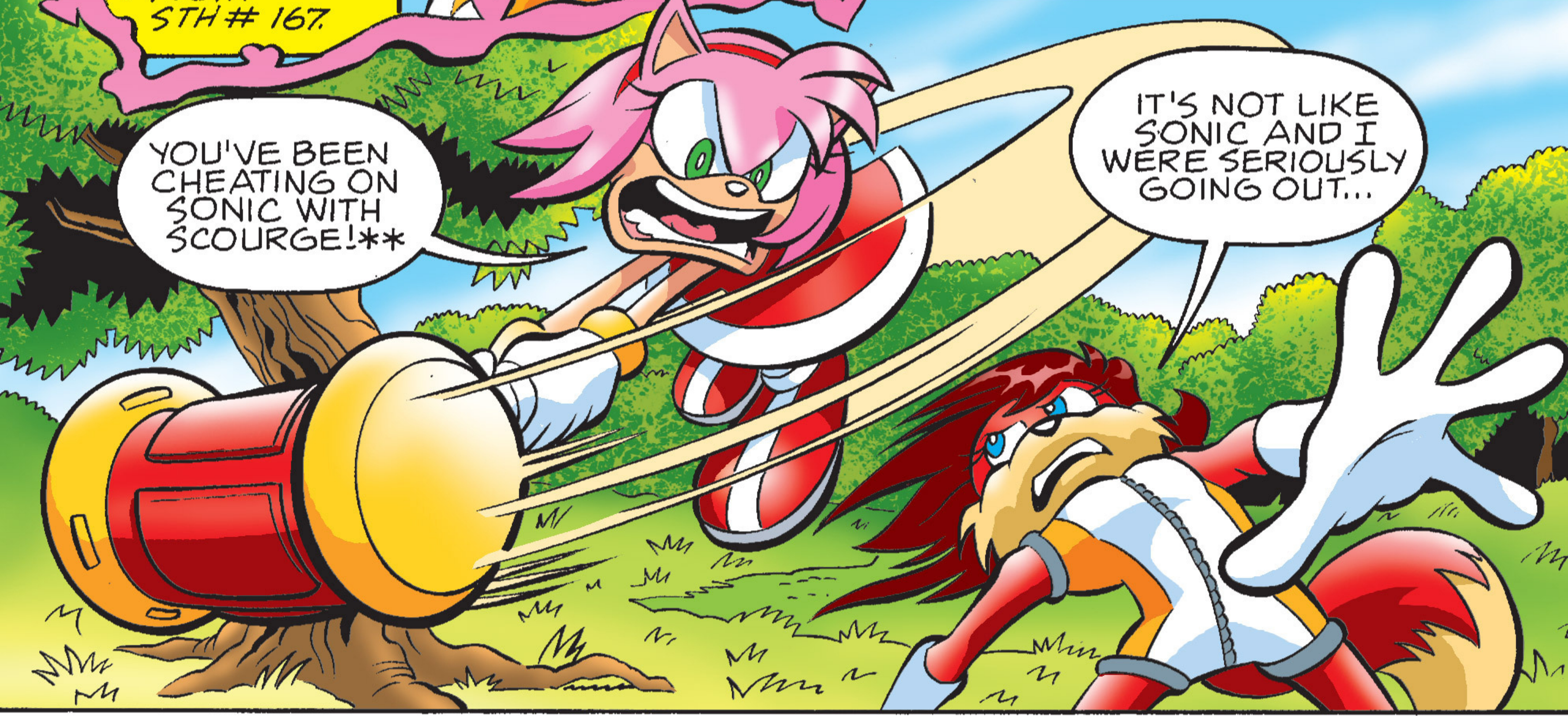


I WAS OUT LOOKING FOR SONIC AND FOUND TAILS INSTEAD. I ASKED IF HE KNEW WHERE SONIC WAS...

...MAYBE IF HE WAS WITH YOU.

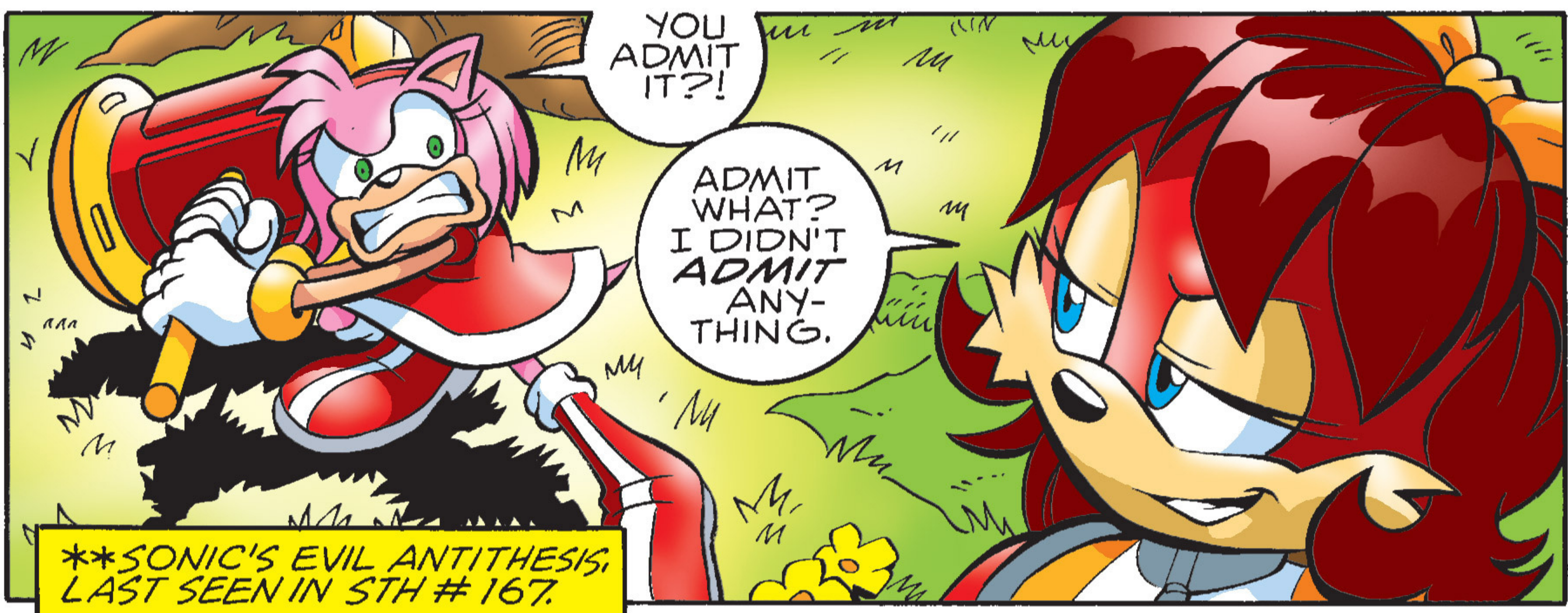
THAT'S WHEN HE TOLD ME ABOUT YOU. HE TOLD ME WHAT SLEUTH DAWG BLACK-MAILED YOU WITH.\*

\*A MYSTERY FROM STH # 167.



YOU'VE BEEN CHEATING ON SONIC WITH SCOURGE! \*\*

IT'S NOT LIKE SONIC AND I WERE SERIOUSLY GOING OUT...

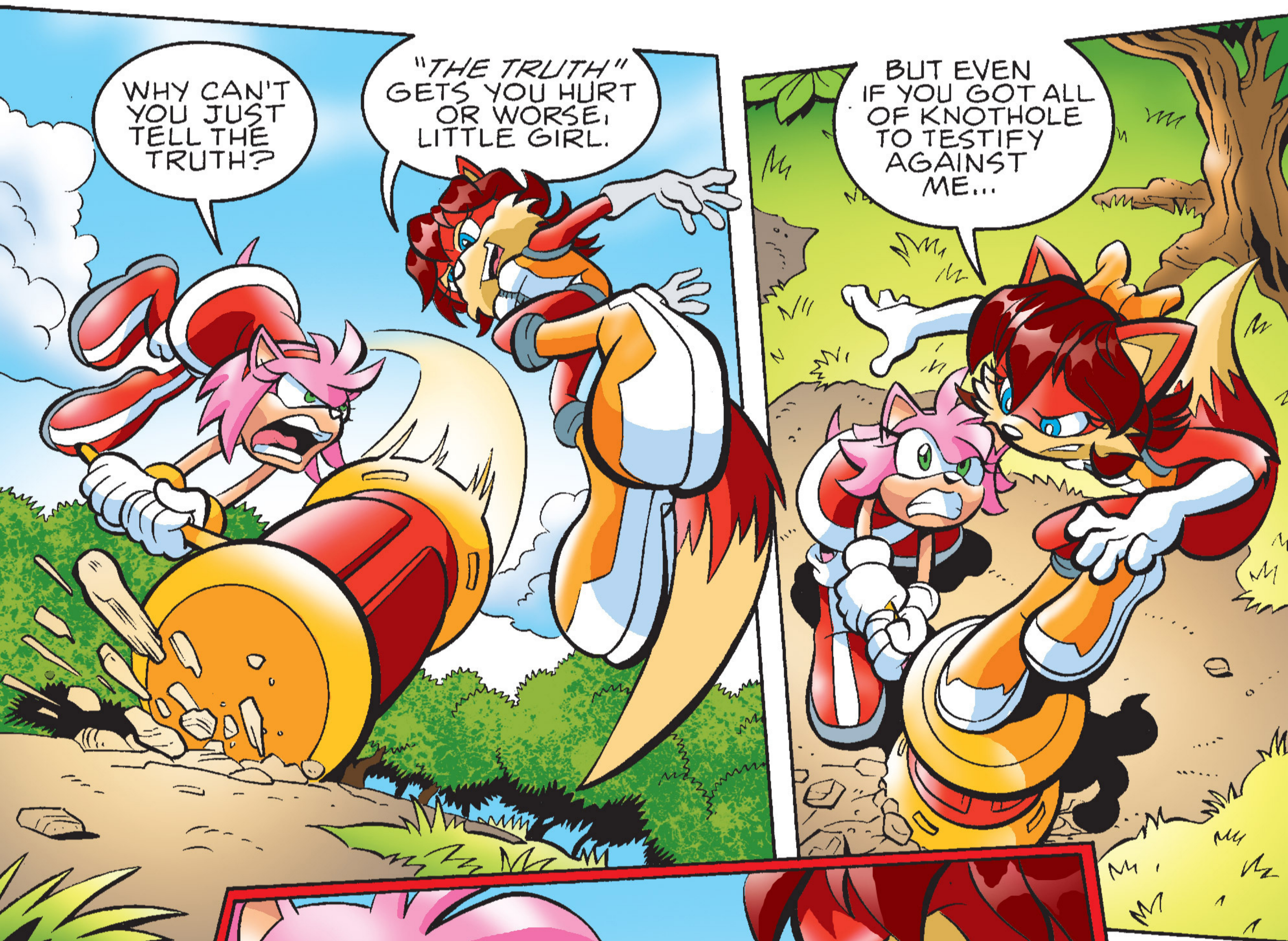


YOU ADMIT IT?!

ADMIT WHAT? I DIDN'T ADMIT ANYTHING.

\*\*SONIC'S EVIL ANTITHESIS, LAST SEEN IN STH # 167.

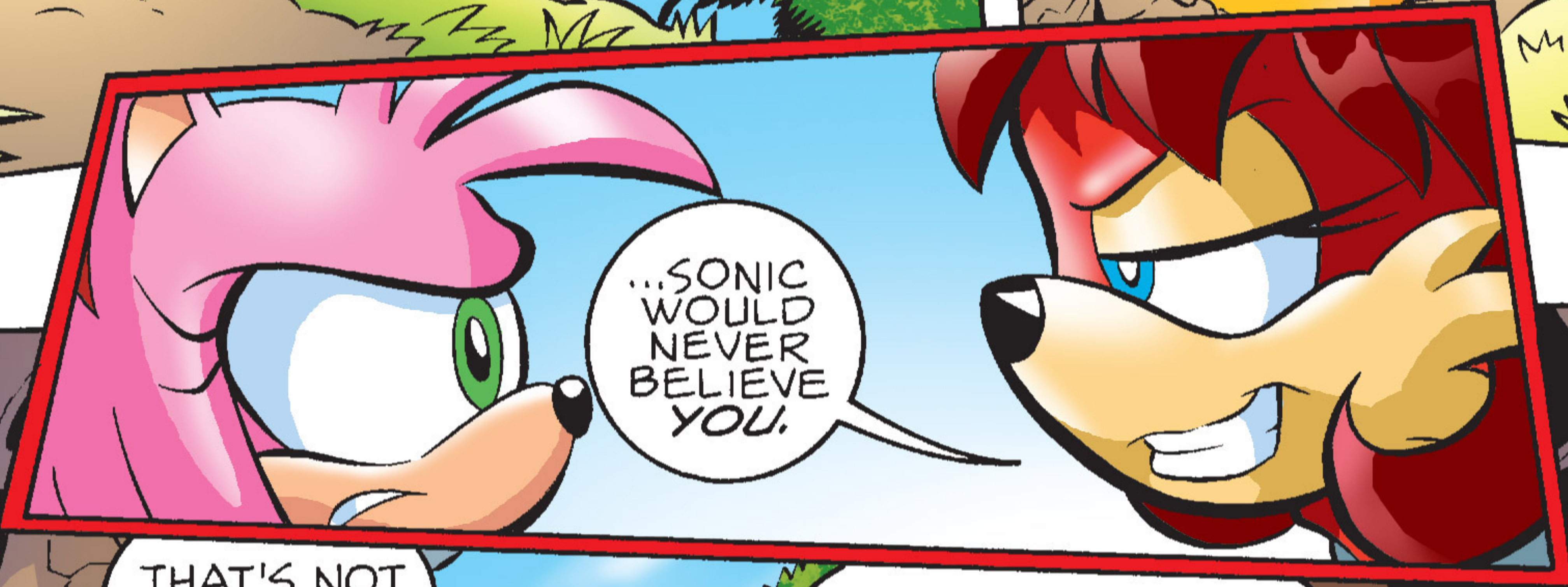




WHY CAN'T YOU JUST TELL THE TRUTH?

"THE TRUTH" GETS YOU HURT OR WORSE, LITTLE GIRL.

BUT EVEN IF YOU GOT ALL OF KNOTHOLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST ME...



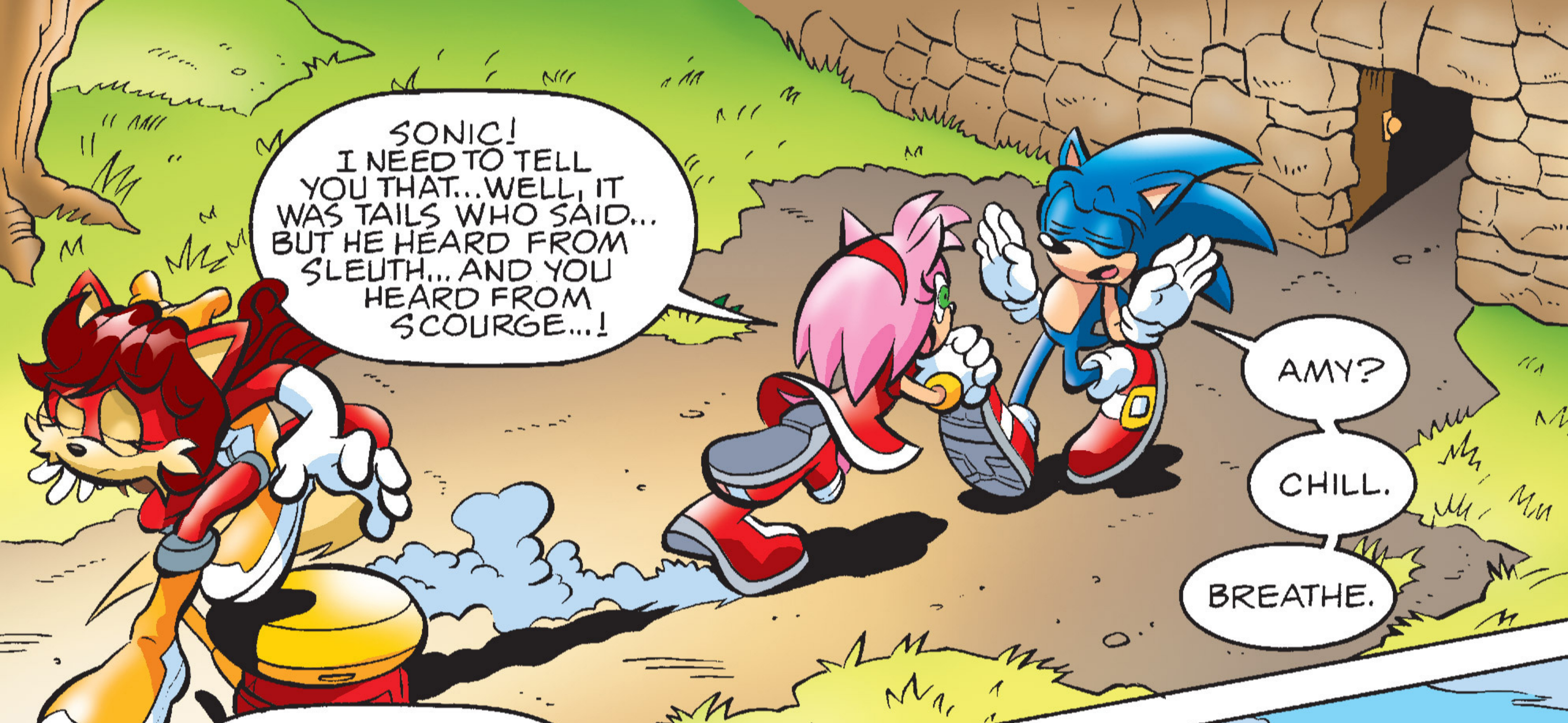
...SONIC WOULD NEVER BELIEVE YOU.

THAT'S NOT SAYING MUCH.

I TAKE EVERYTHING AMY SAYS WITH A SHAKER OF SALT.





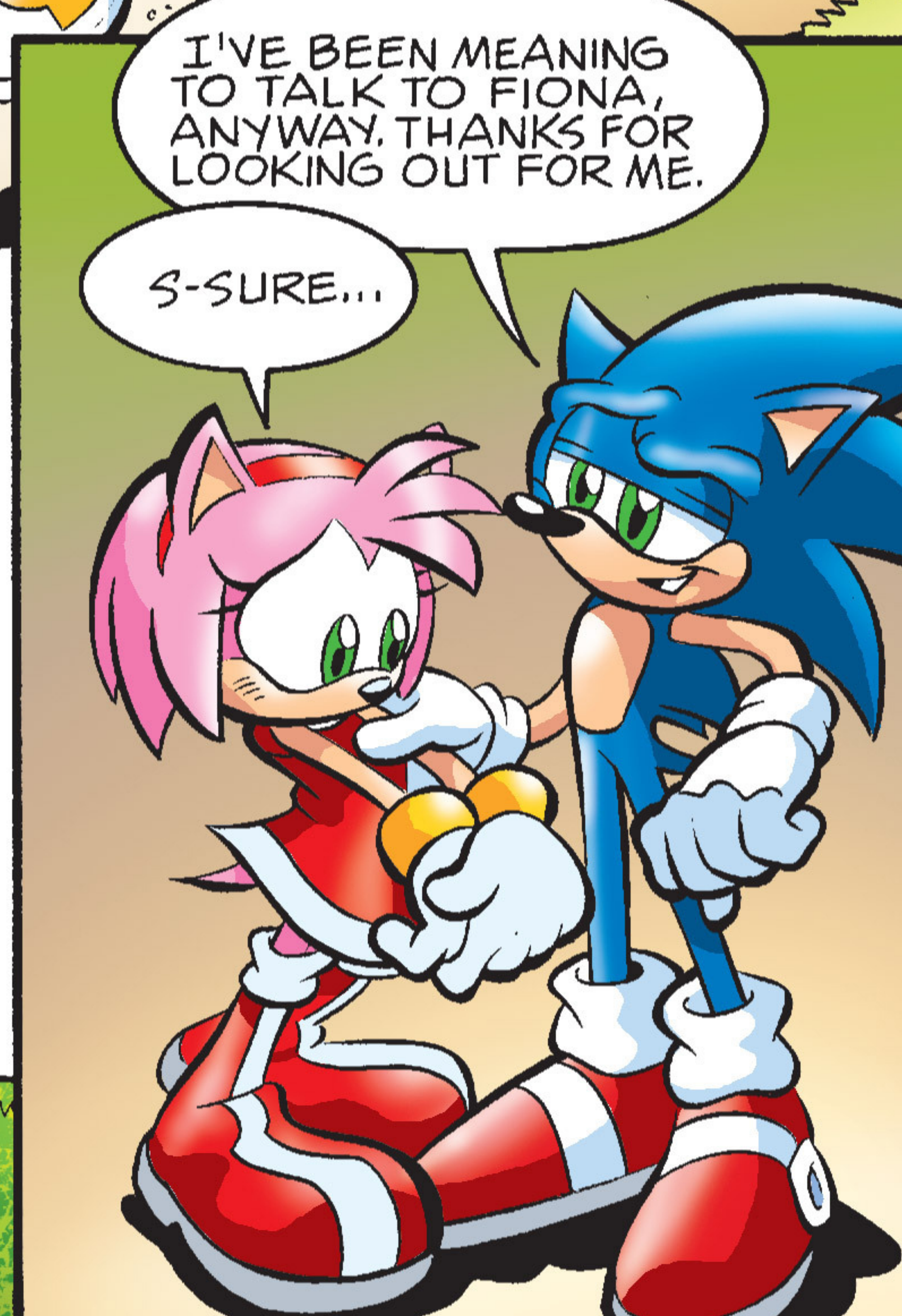


SONIC!  
I NEED TO TELL  
YOU THAT... WELL, IT  
WAS TAILS WHO SAID...  
BUT HE HEARD FROM  
SLEUTH... AND YOU  
HEARD FROM  
SCOURGE...!

AMY?

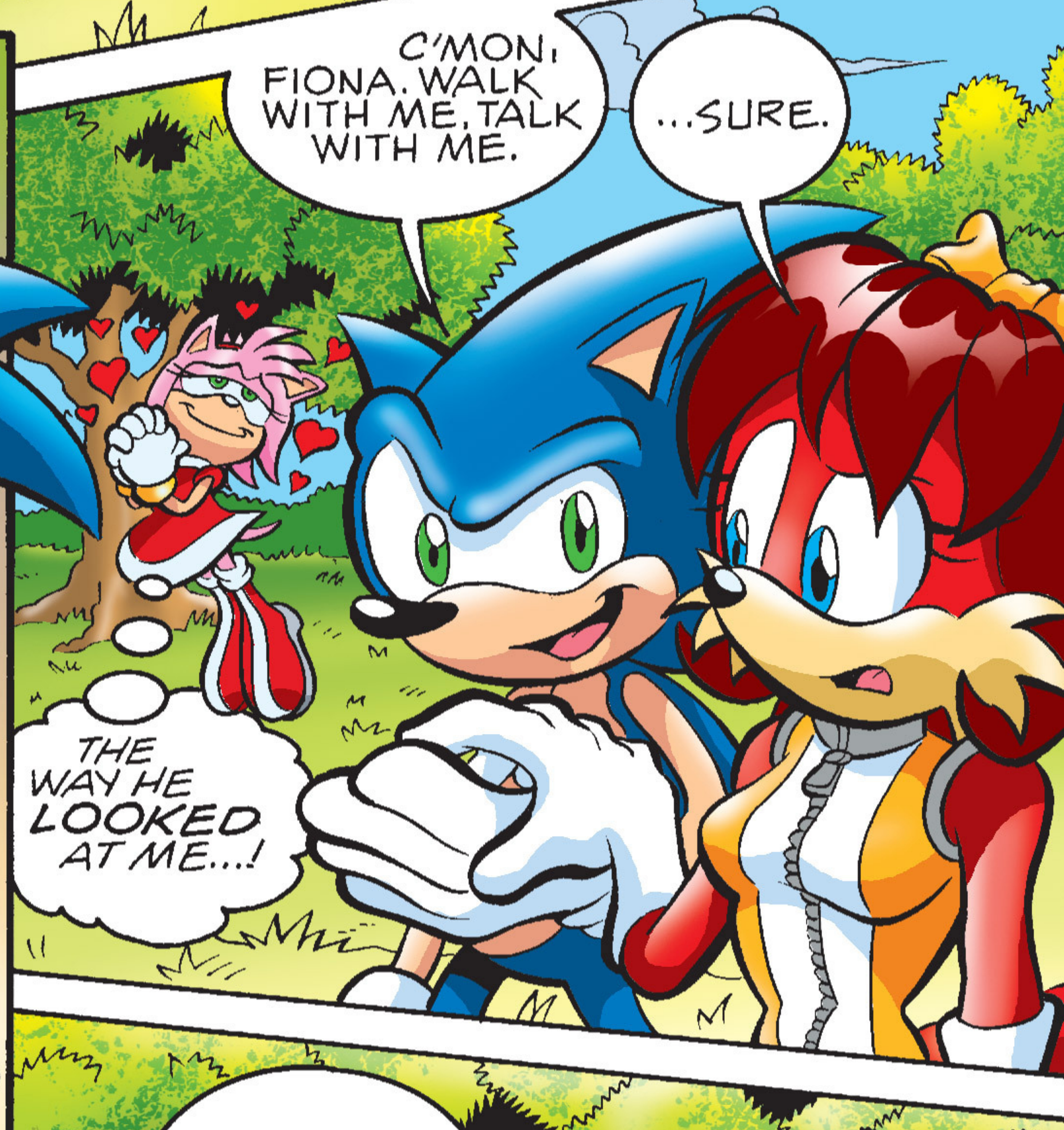
CHILL.

BREATHE.



I'VE BEEN MEANING  
TO TALK TO FIONA,  
ANYWAY. THANKS FOR  
LOOKING OUT FOR ME.


S-SURE...



C'MON,  
FIONA. WALK  
WITH ME. TALK  
WITH ME.

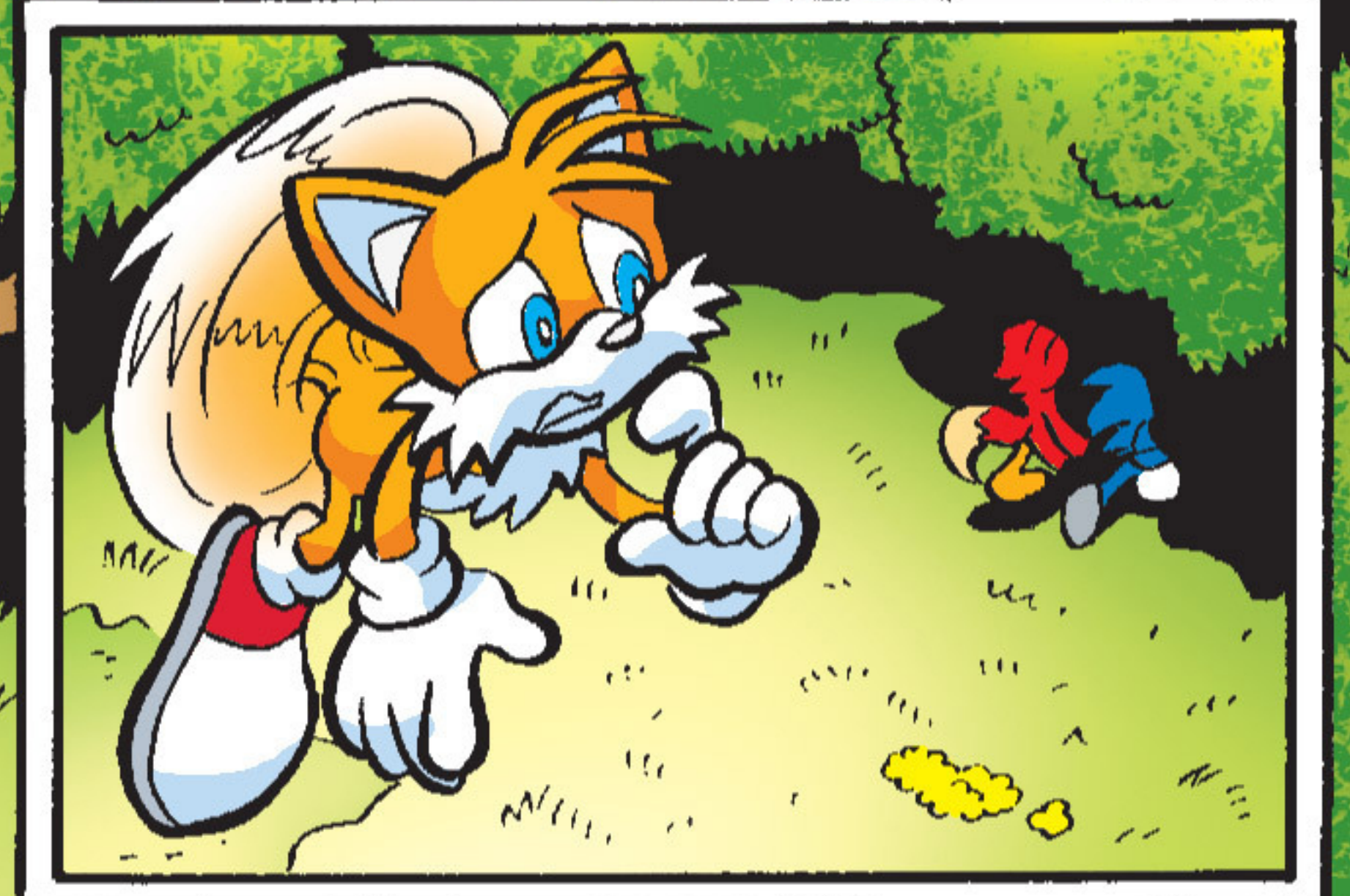
...SURE.

THE  
WAY HE  
LOOKED  
AT ME...!



ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
INTERROGATE  
ME, TOO?

I JUST  
WANT EVERY-  
THING TO  
ADD UP,  
FIONA.





YOU'VE BEEN DISAPPEARING A LOT LATELY. WITH YOUR SKETCHY PAST, THAT KINDA MAKES ME WONDER, Y'KNOW?

EXCUSE ME?

YOU SAID YOU WERE COOL WITH MY PAST!

I AM. I'M NOT COOL WITH HOW IT MIGHT BE AFFECTING THE NOW!

THE NOW?

WHAT ABOUT WHEN I HELPED STOP BEAN AND BARK ON YOUR BIRTHDAY?\*

\*SEE STH # 160.

OR WHEN I GAVE UP EVERYTHING I KNEW ON ROUGE? \*\*

YOU'VE HELPED US OUT. I'M NOT SAYING YOU DIDN'T.

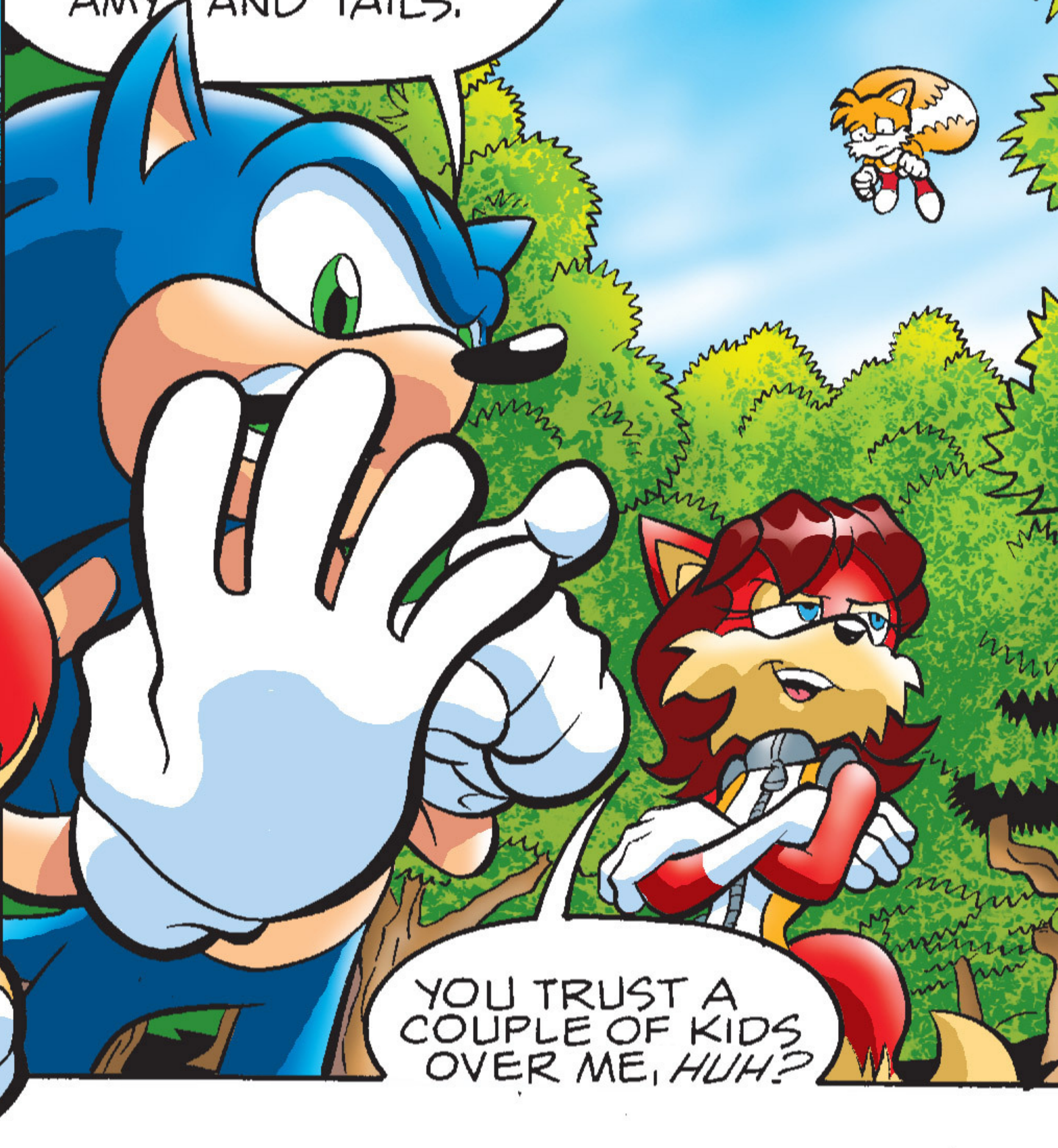
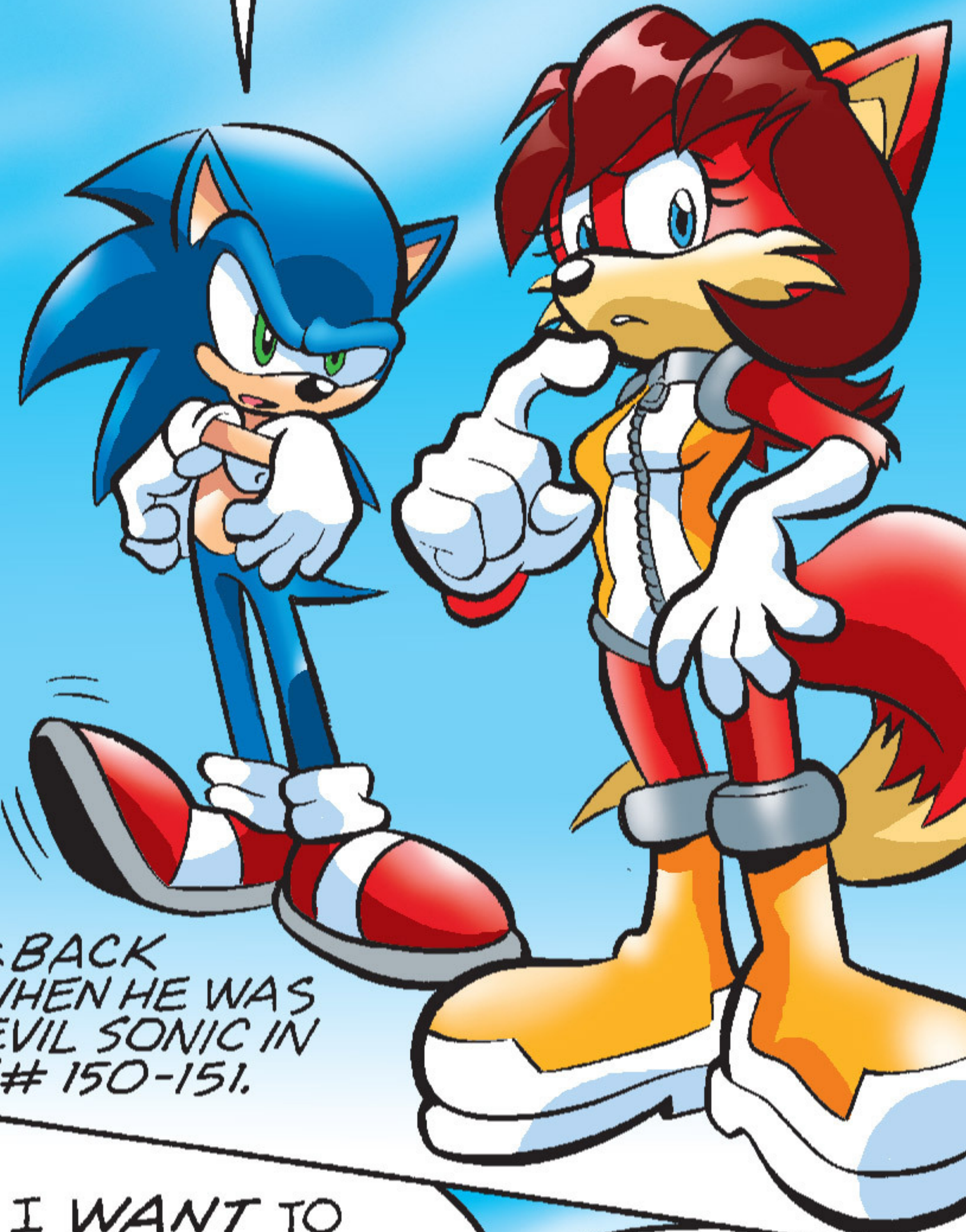
THEN WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

\*\* BEANS WERE SPILLED IN STH # 167.



WHAT I'M SAYING IS, YOU DIDN'T SHOW ANY INTEREST IN ME UNTIL *AFTER* SCOURGE IMPERSONATED ME.\*

WHAT I'M SAYING IS, FOUR SEPARATE FOLKS SAY YOU'RE PLAYING ME. SCOURGE AND SLEUTH COULD BE LYING, BUT I TRUST AMY AND TAILS.



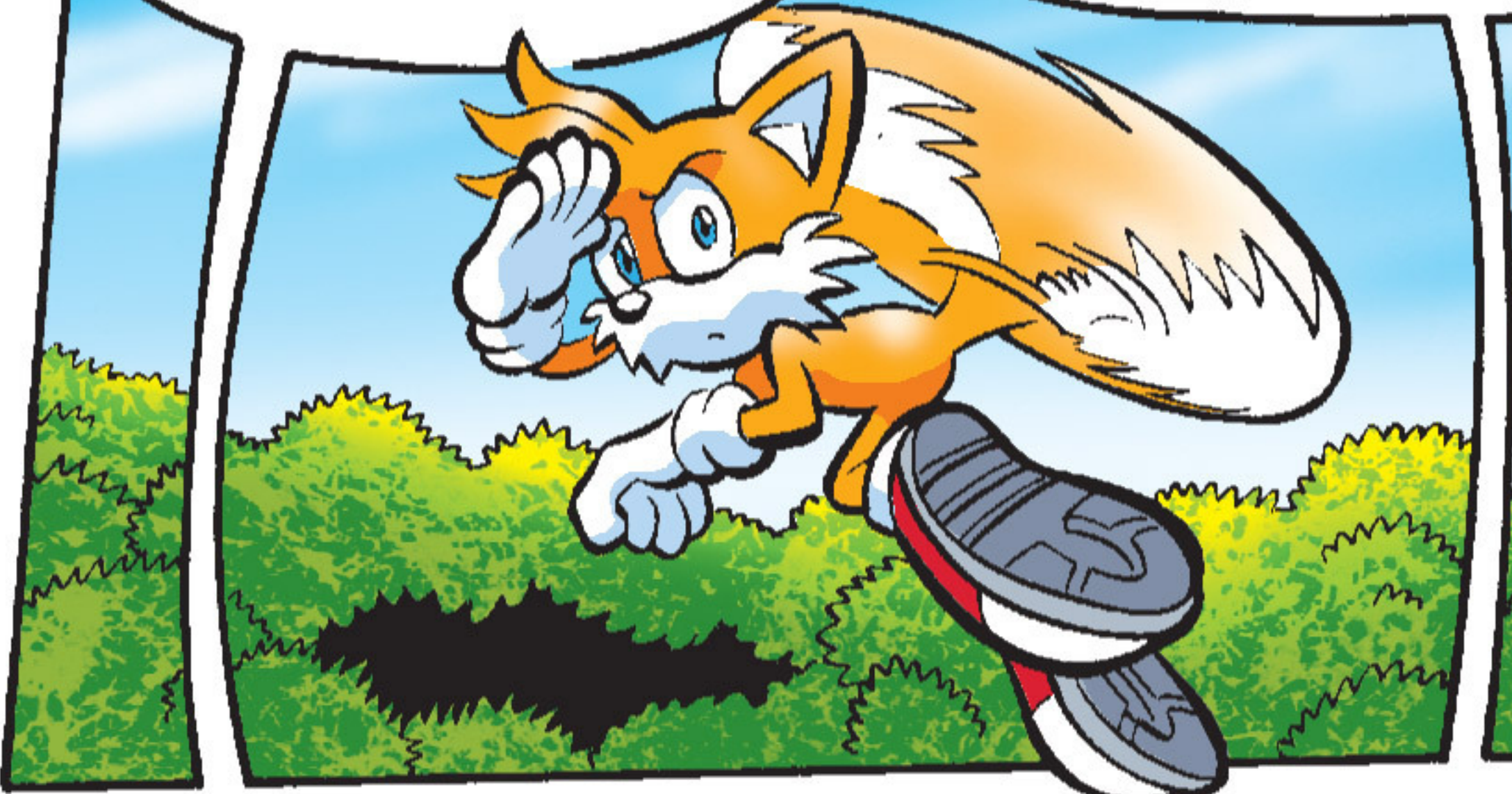
\*BACK WHEN HE WAS EVIL SONIC IN S# 150-151.

YOU TRUST A COUPLE OF KIDS OVER ME, HUH?

I WANT TO TRUST YOU, TOO, FI! I JUST NEED YOU TO CLEAR THIS UP FOR ME.

I TRIED THE HERO THING, SONIC. I REALLY DID.

I STUCK TO IT FOR YOU. I THOUGHT WE COULD MAYBE FIND SOME MIDDLE GROUND.



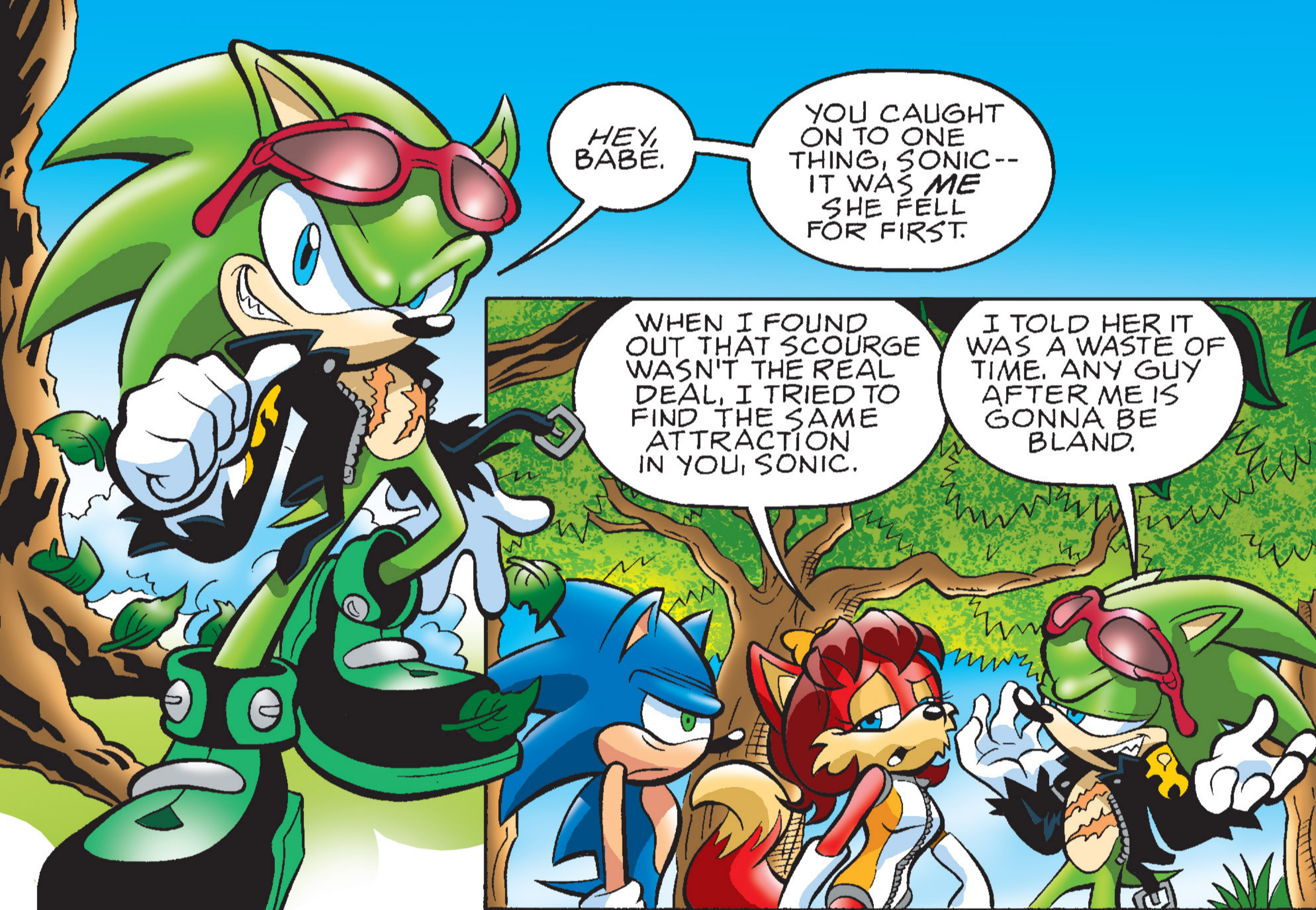
...MIDDLE GROUND?

SHE MEANS SHE WISHES YOU HAD A BACKBONE, MORON.

HEY, SWEETIE.







HEY, BABE.

YOU CAUGHT ON TO ONE THING, SONIC-- IT WAS *ME* SHE FELL FOR FIRST.

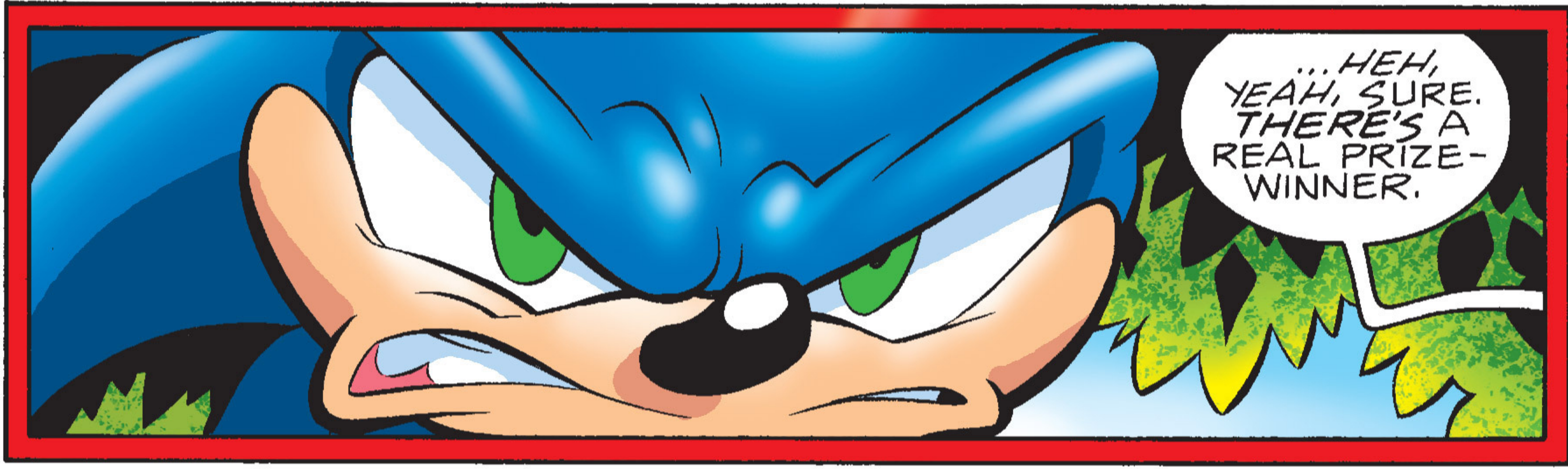
WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT SCOURGE WASN'T THE REAL DEAL, I TRIED TO FIND THE SAME ATTRACTION IN YOU, SONIC.

I TOLD HER IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME. ANY GUY AFTER ME IS GONNA BE BLAND.

SO MUCH FOR YOUR LOVE-LIFE, BLUE. YOU COULDN'T HOLD ON TO A PRINCESS,\* YOU COULDN'T WIN OVER MY GIRL, AND AMY...

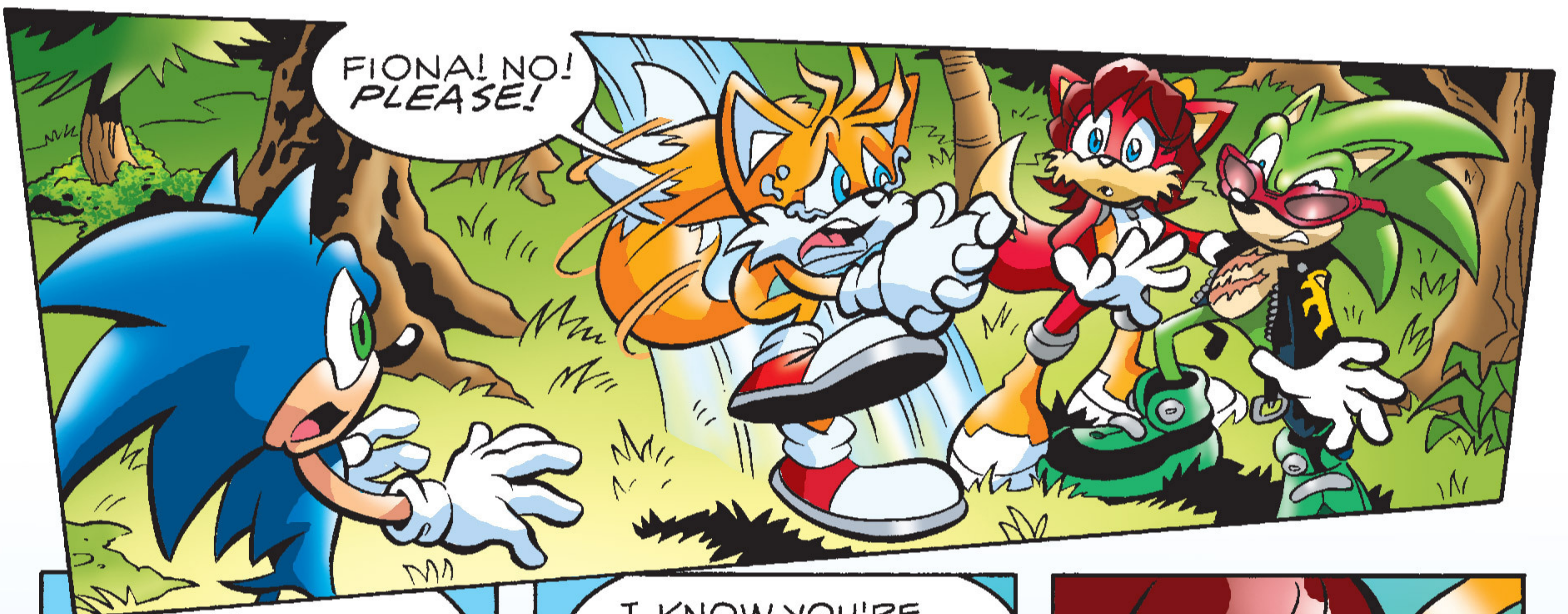
I WAS HOPING YOU'D BE JUST AS MUCH FUN, BUT YOU'RE HUNG UP ON THE WHOLE "VIRTUOUS HERO" THING.

\*SALLY SPLIT WITH A SLAP IN STH # 132.



... HEH, YEAH, SURE. THERE'S A REAL PRIZE-WINNER.





FIONA! NO!  
PLEASE!



I-I-IT'S OKAY  
IF YOU DON'T  
WANT TO LIKE ME--  
I M-MEAN "LIKE  
ME"--LIKE ME--  
B-BUT PLEASE  
DON'T GO WITH  
SCOURGE!

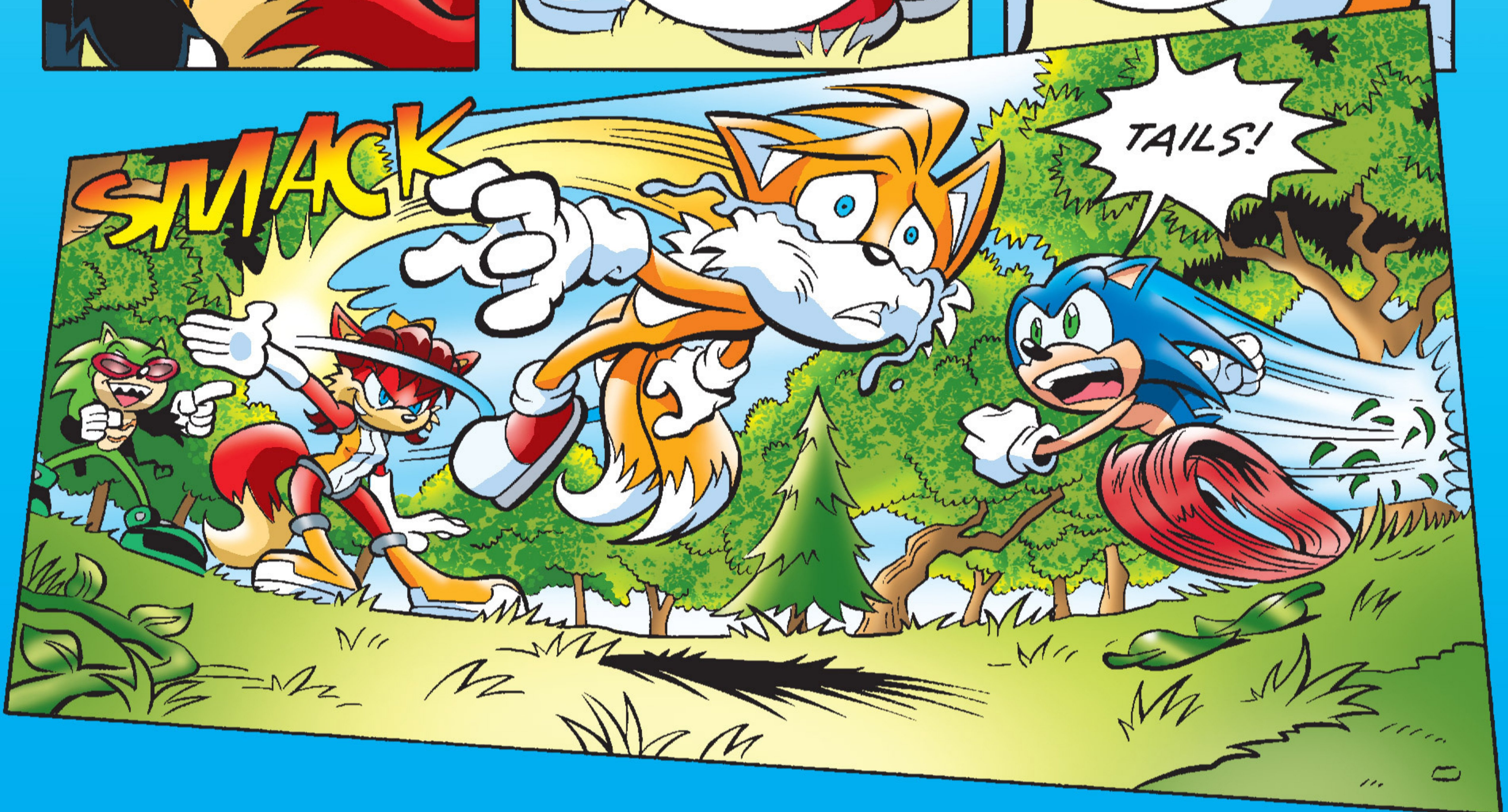


I KNOW YOU'RE  
GOOD! ALL YOU HAVE  
TO DO IS TRY A LITTLE  
HARDER, AND...

OH, TAILS...  
YOU'RE SO  
SMART, BUT  
YOU HAVEN'T  
LEARNED ONE  
FUNDAMENTAL  
LESSON IN  
LIFE...



...YOU CAN'T  
COUNT ON  
ANYBODY.



**SMACK**

TAILS!





TAILS?  
BUDDY?

SONIC...



JUST  
GET 'EM.



YOU'RE MY  
PRIME EXAMPLE,  
OR DID YOU  
FORGET YOU  
LEFT ME  
IMPRISONED?\*

THAT'S NO  
EXCUSE TO DO  
THAT TO-

\*COMPLETELY  
BY ACCIDENT, OF COURSE,  
AS RECALLED IN CLASSIC  
STH # 28.



WHAM!

OH, SHUT UP,  
ALREADY.

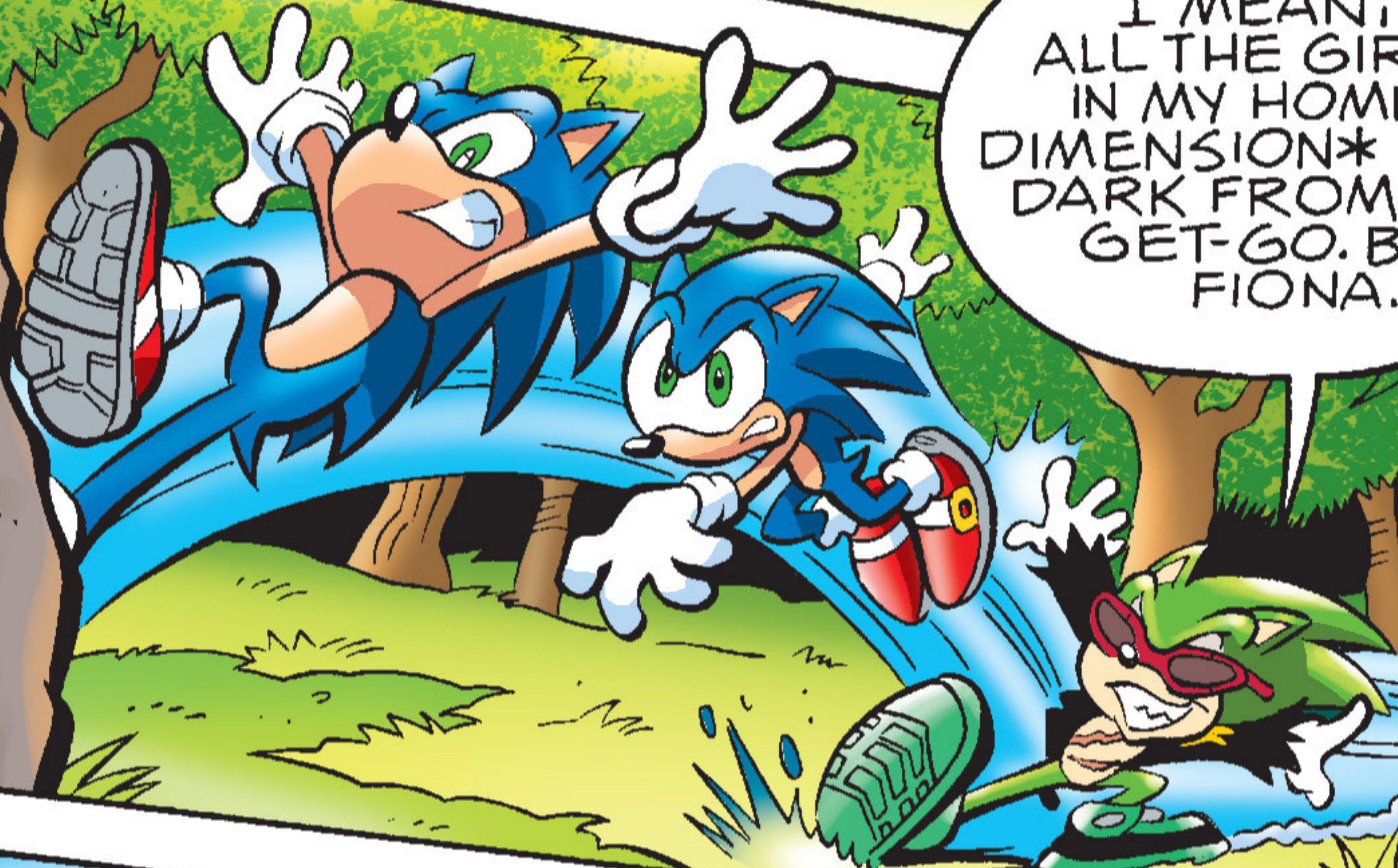


DON'T GET ME WRONG, WUSS. AS MUCH AS I LIKE MESSIN' WITH YOU, I THINK I ACTUALLY LIKE FIONA.



I MEAN, ALL THE GIRLS IN MY HOME DIMENSION\* ARE DARK FROM THE GET-GO. BUT FIONA...

\*SCOURGE'S OWN ZONE WAS FIRST SEEN IN S#11!

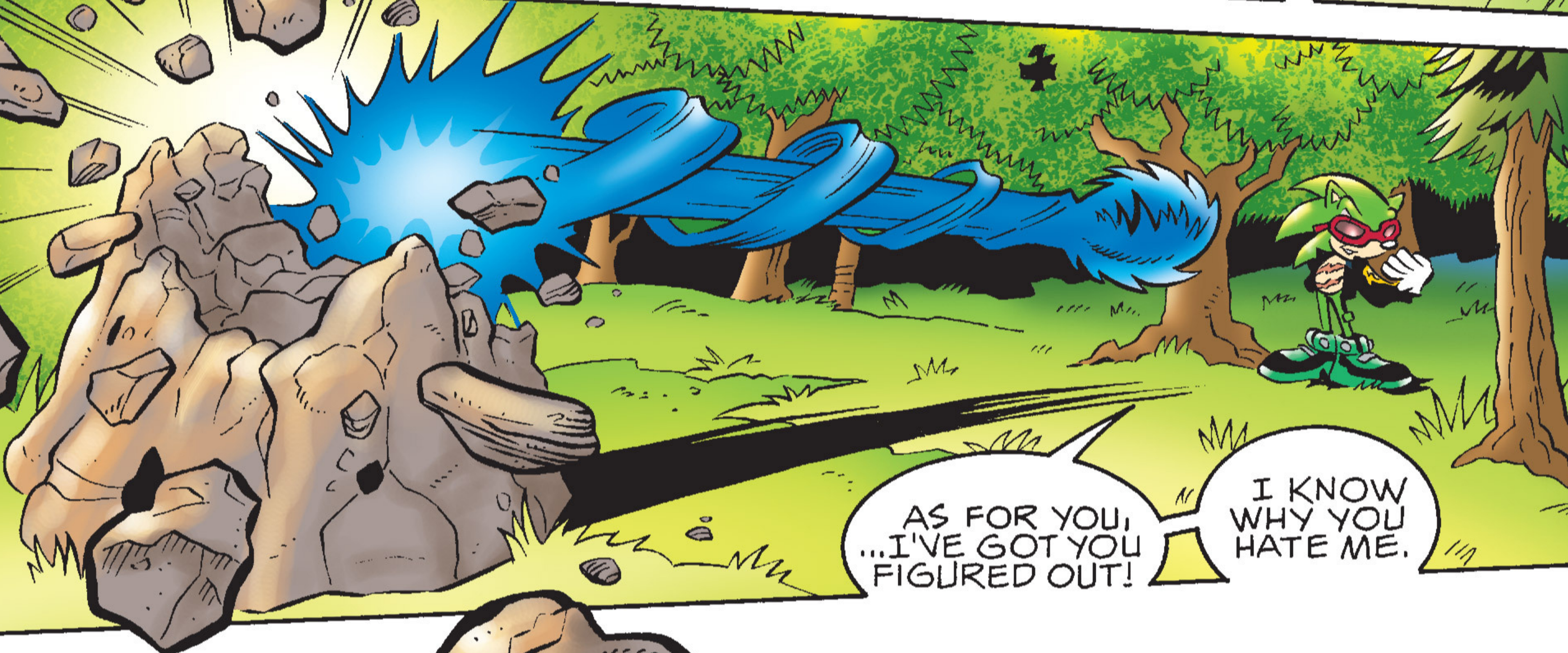


...SHE CHOOSES TO BE. AND THAT IS HOT!

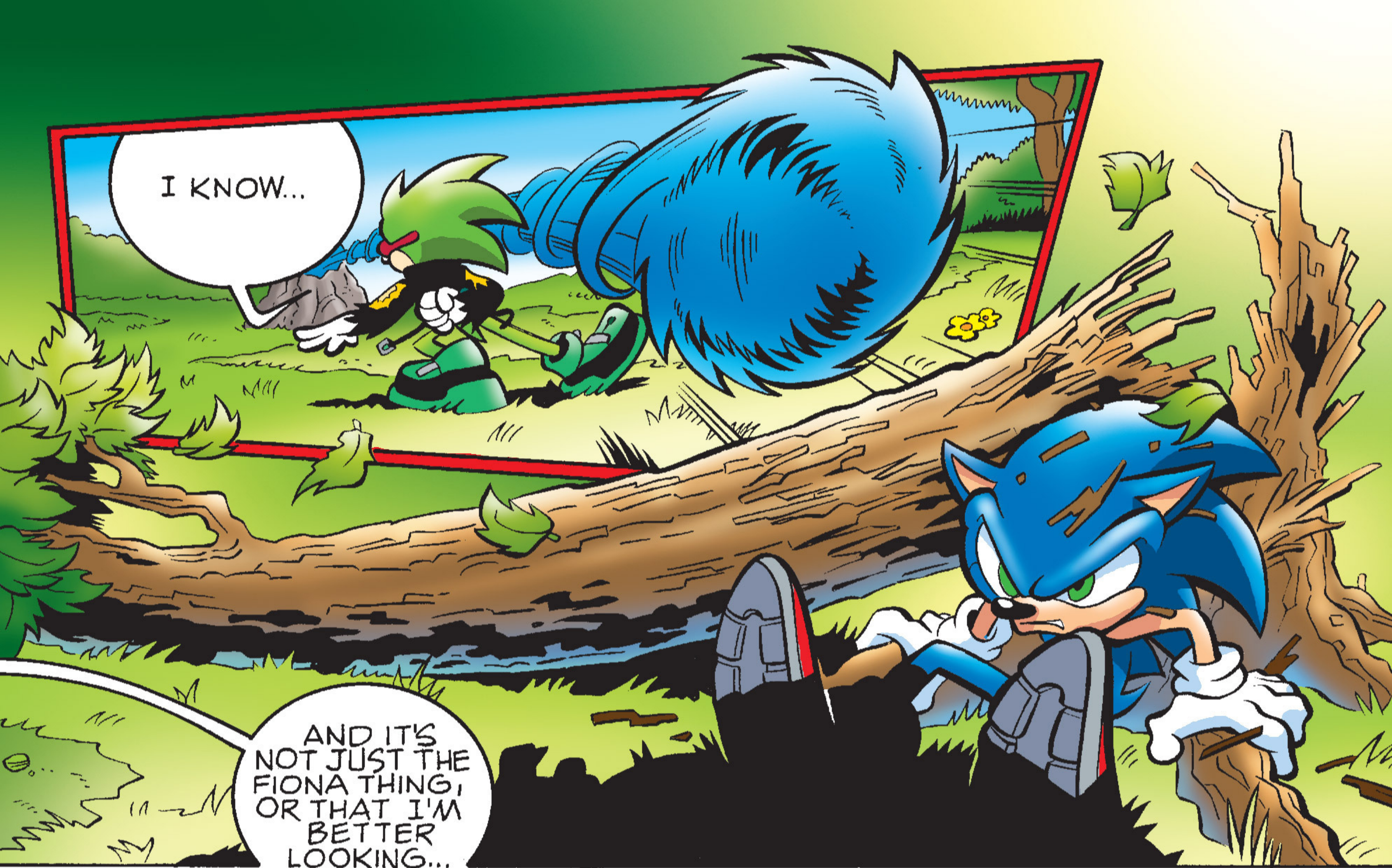


AS FOR YOU, ...I'VE GOT YOU FIGURED OUT!

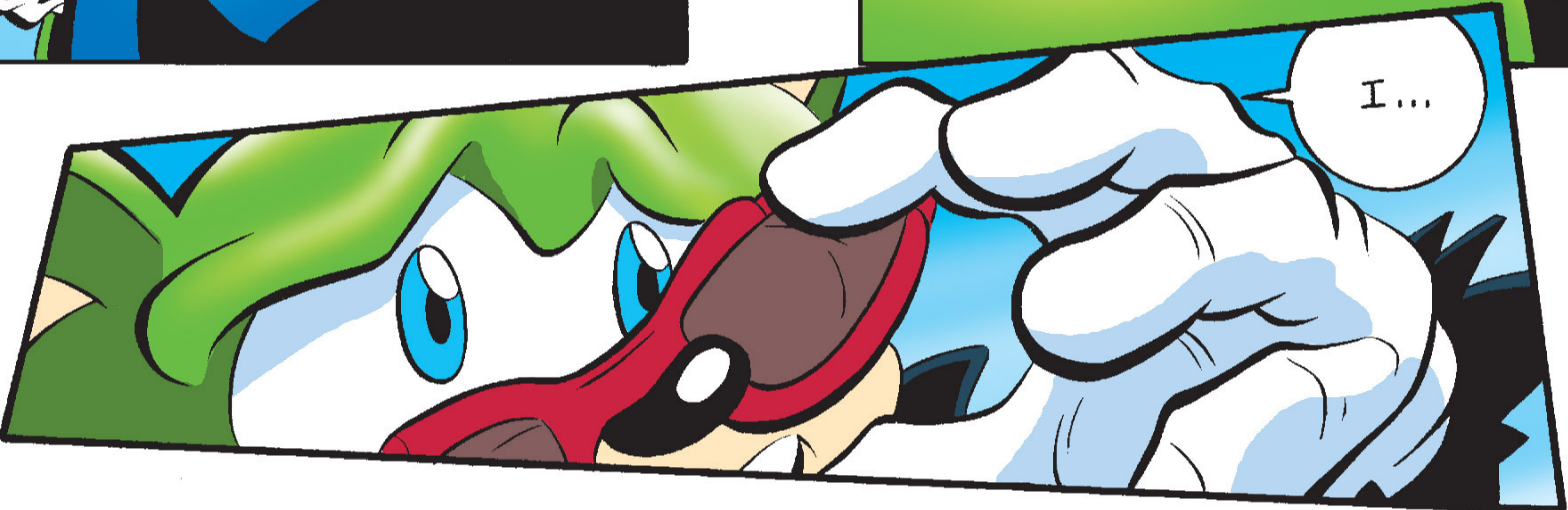
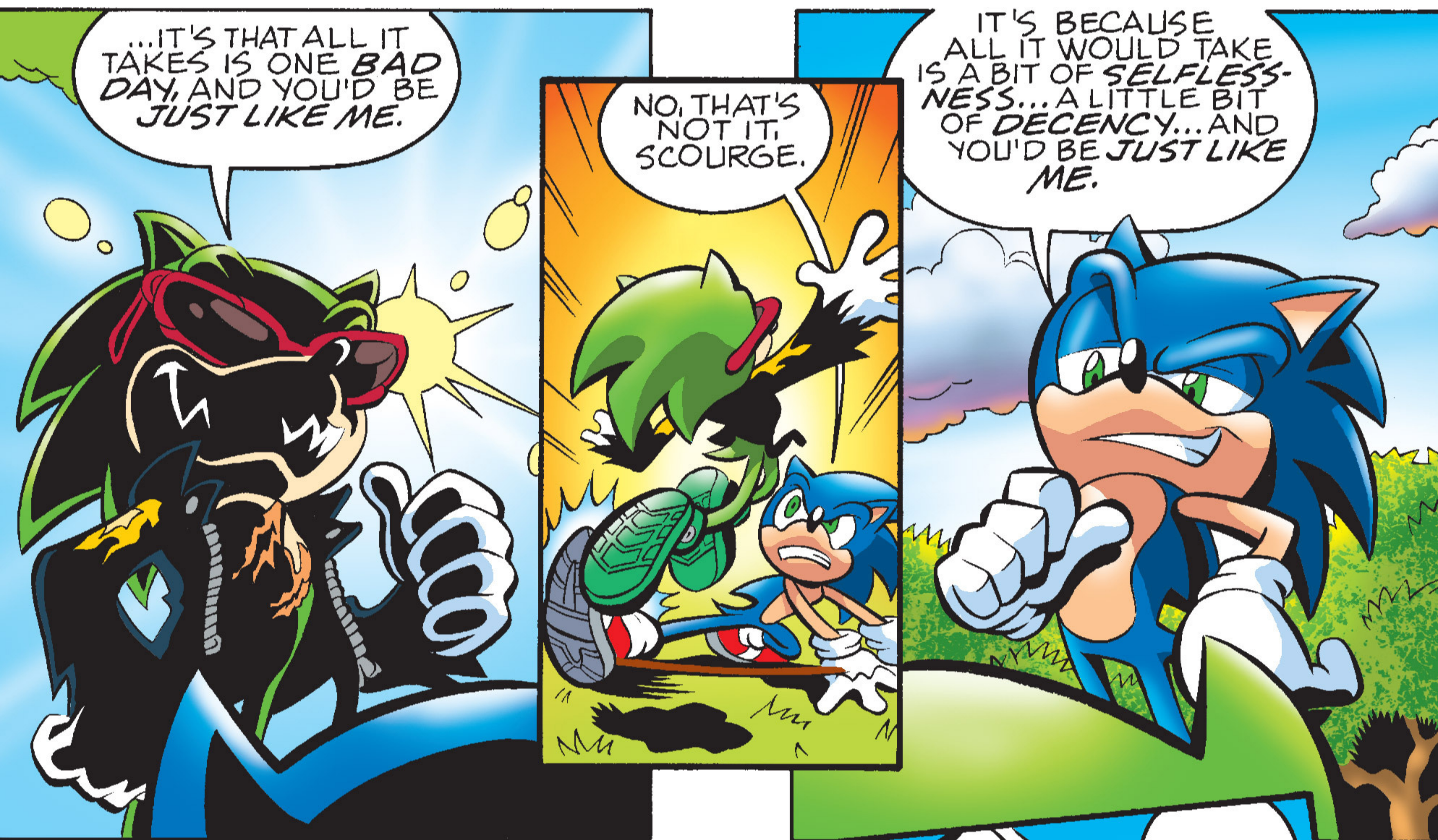
I KNOW WHY YOU HATE ME.







AND IT'S NOT JUST THE FIONA THING, OR THAT I'M BETTER LOOKING...



I...



BACK OFF, SONIC! YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE!

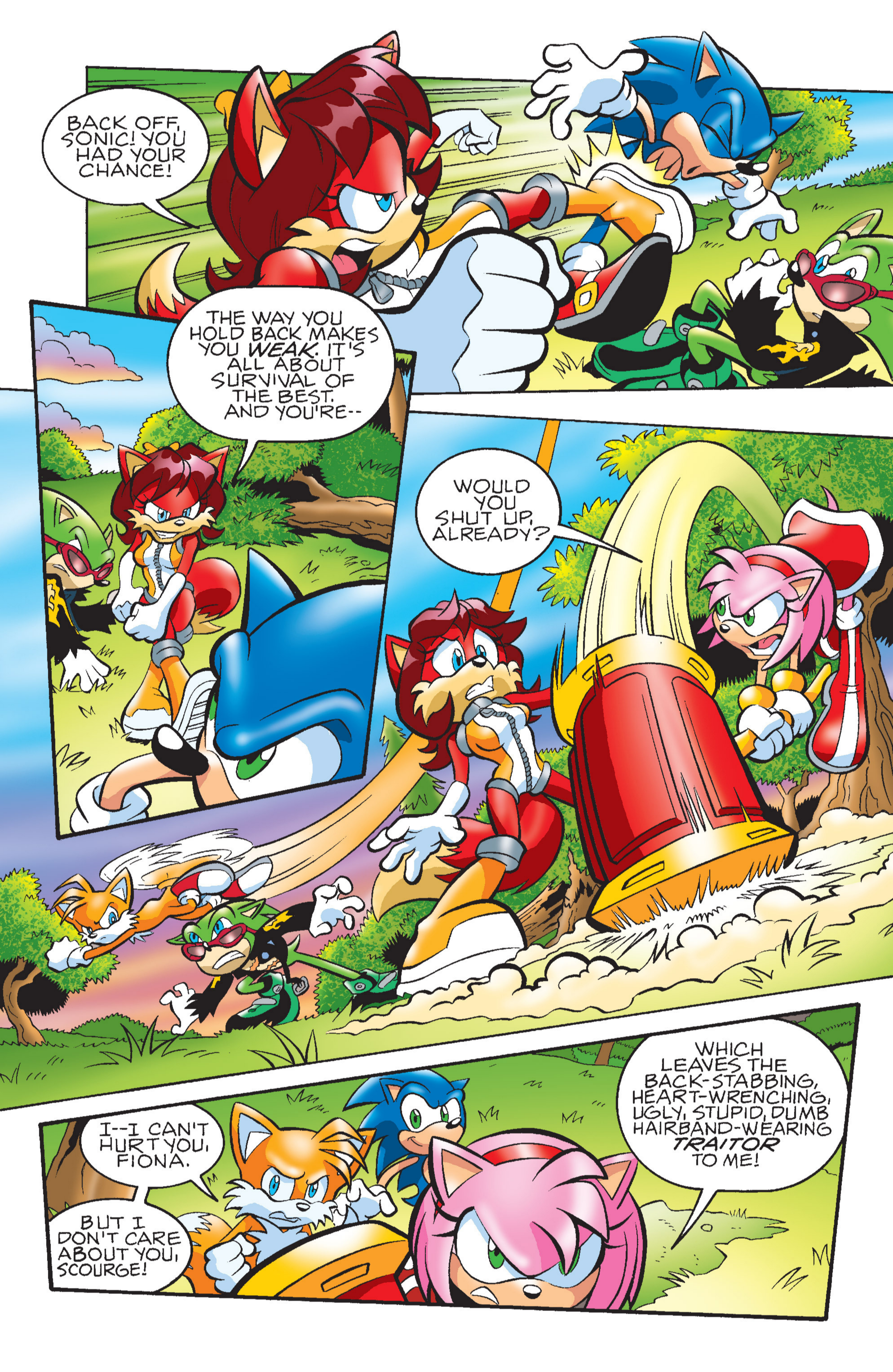
THE WAY YOU HOLD BACK MAKES YOU WEAK. IT'S ALL ABOUT SURVIVAL OF THE BEST. AND YOU'RE--

WOULD YOU SHUT UP, ALREADY?!

I--I CAN'T HURT YOU, FIONA.

BUT I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOU, SCOURGE!

WHICH LEAVES THE BACK-STABBING, HEART-WRENCHING, UGLY, STUPID, DUMB HAIRBAND-WEARING TRAITOR TO ME!

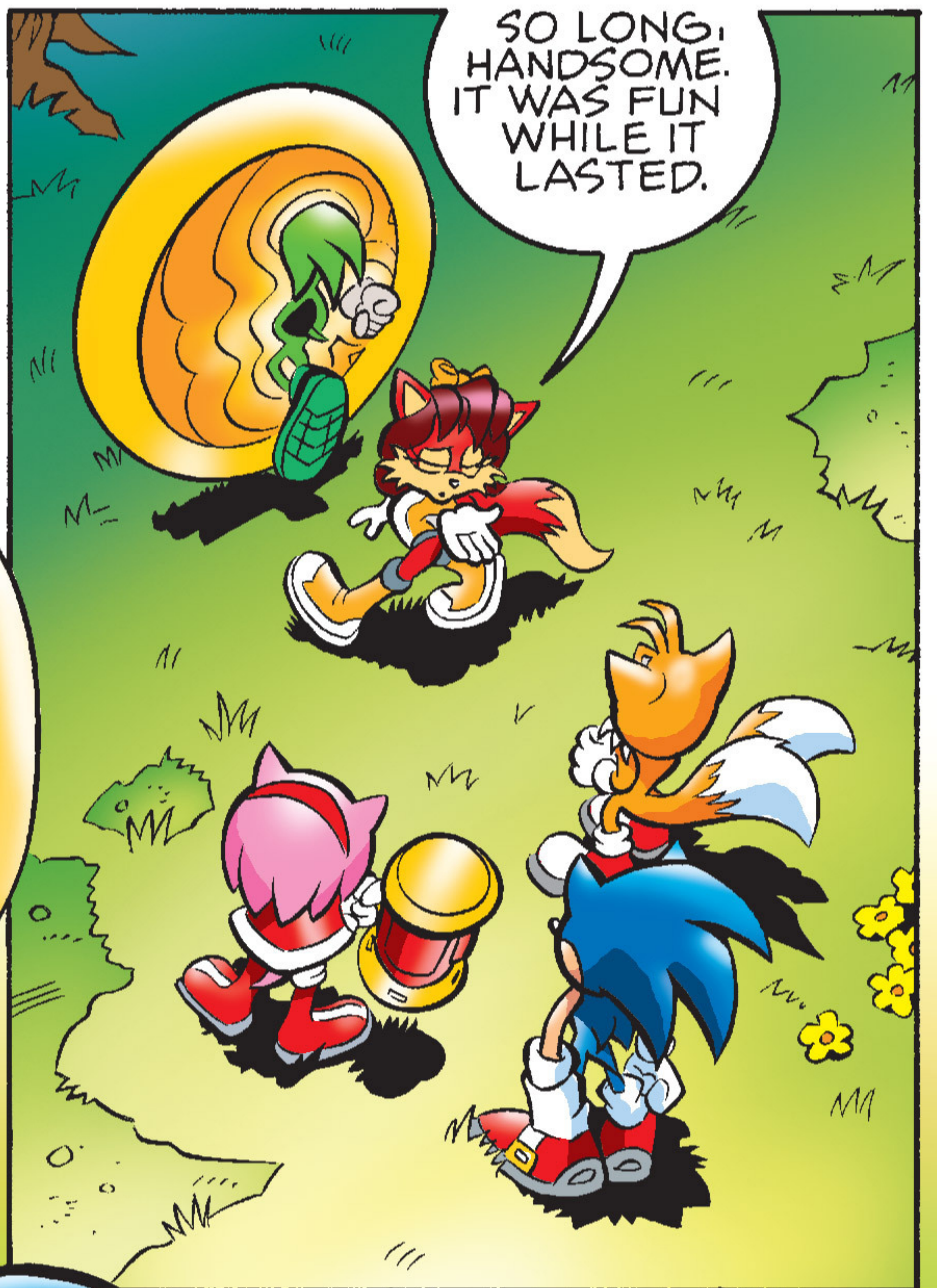




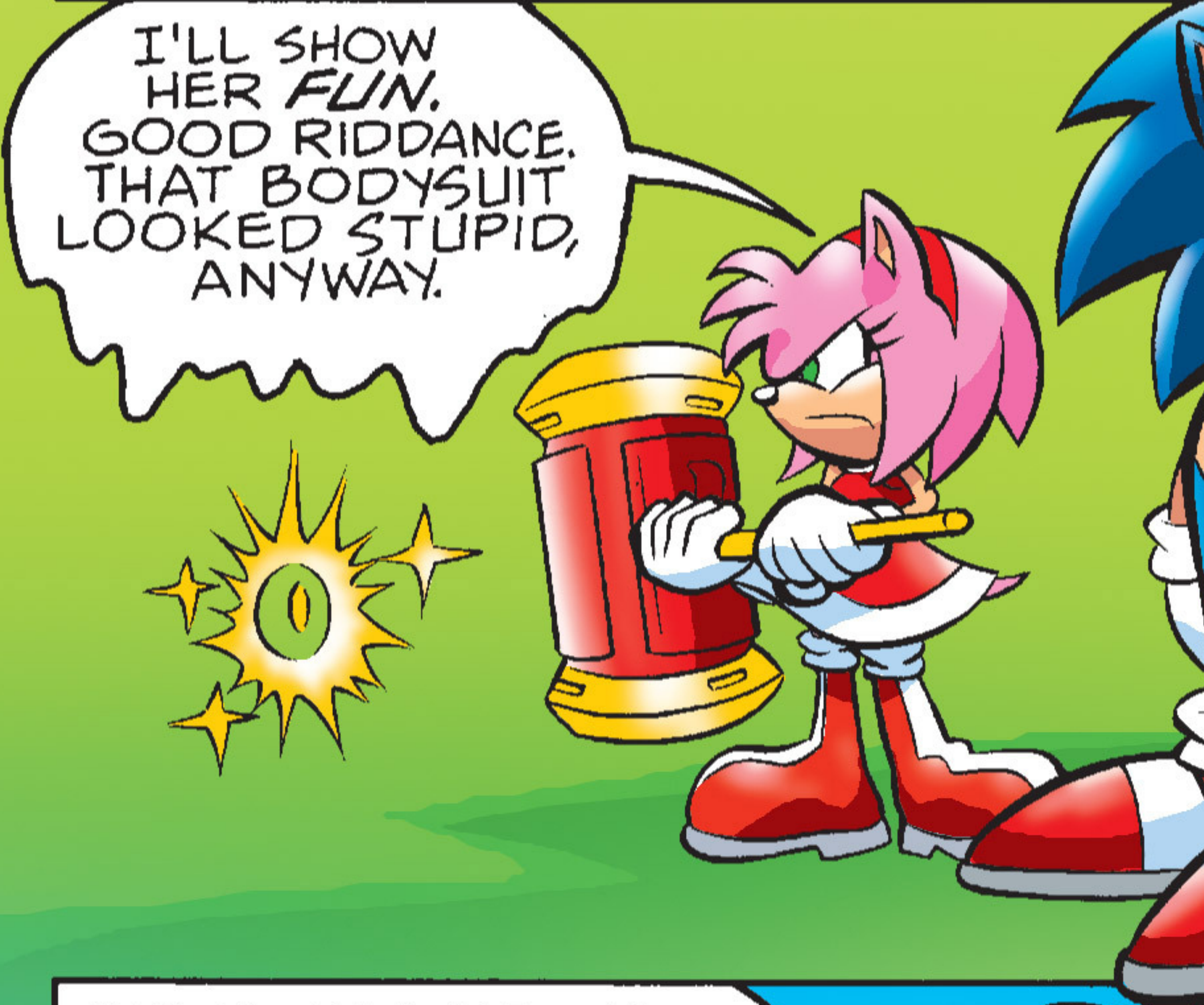


I DUNNO ABOUT YOU, BABE, BUT I'VE HAD MY FUN. SHALL WE?

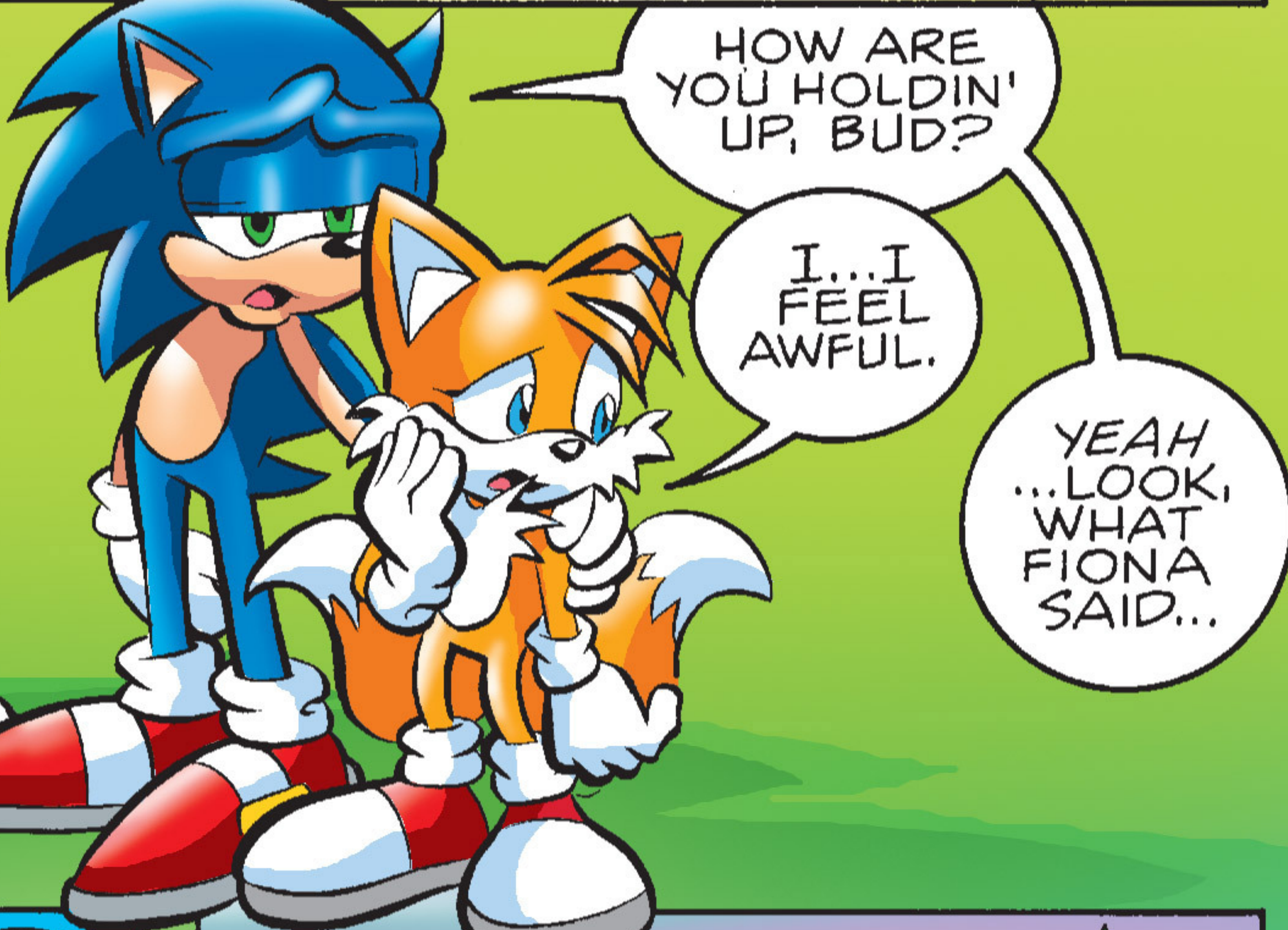
LET'S.



SO LONG, HANDSOME. IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED.



I'LL SHOW HER *FUN*. GOOD RIDDANCE. THAT BODYSUIT LOOKED STUPID, ANYWAY.



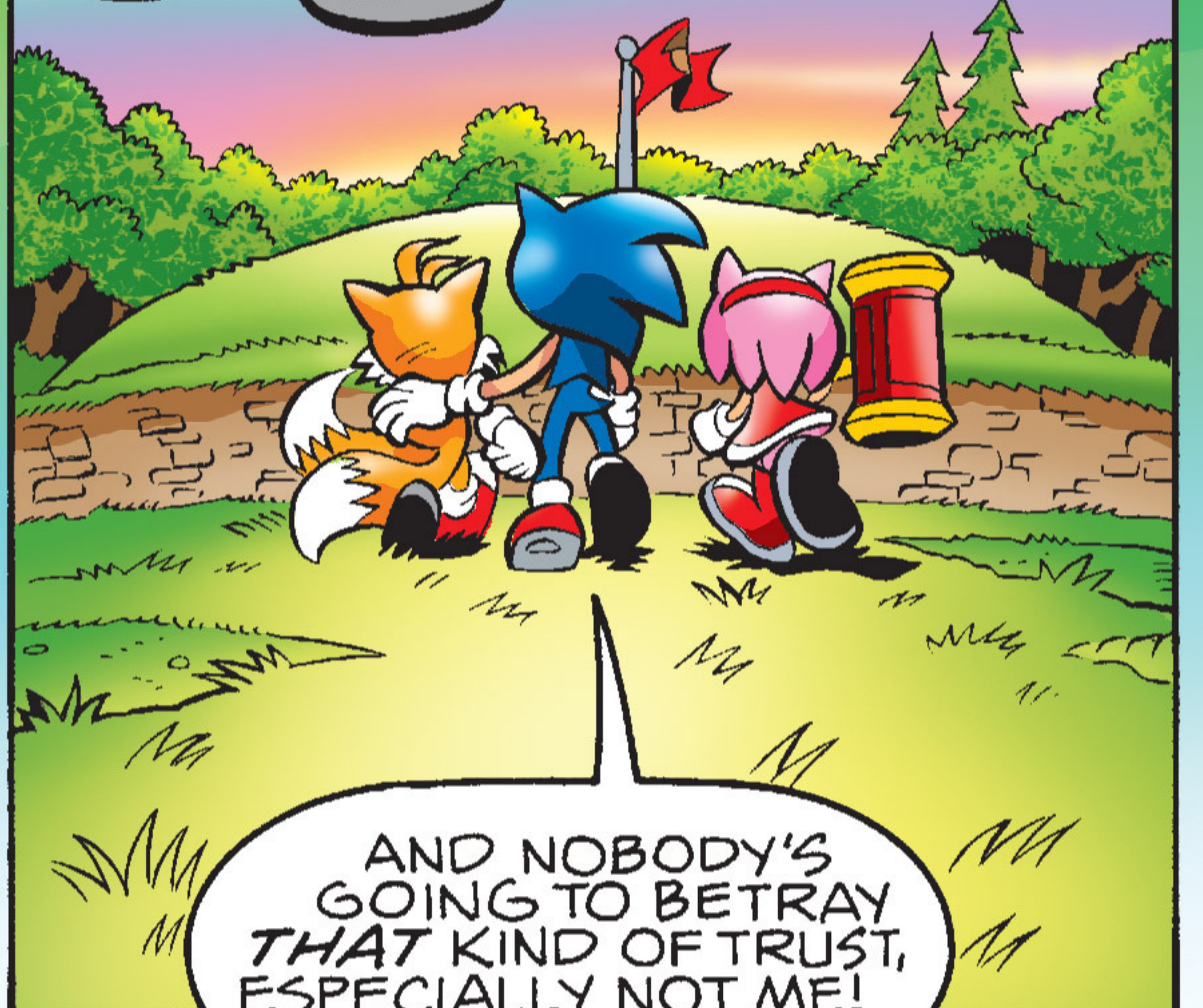
HOW ARE YOU HOLDIN' UP, BUD?

I...I FEEL AWFUL.

YEAH ...LOOK, WHAT FIONA SAID...

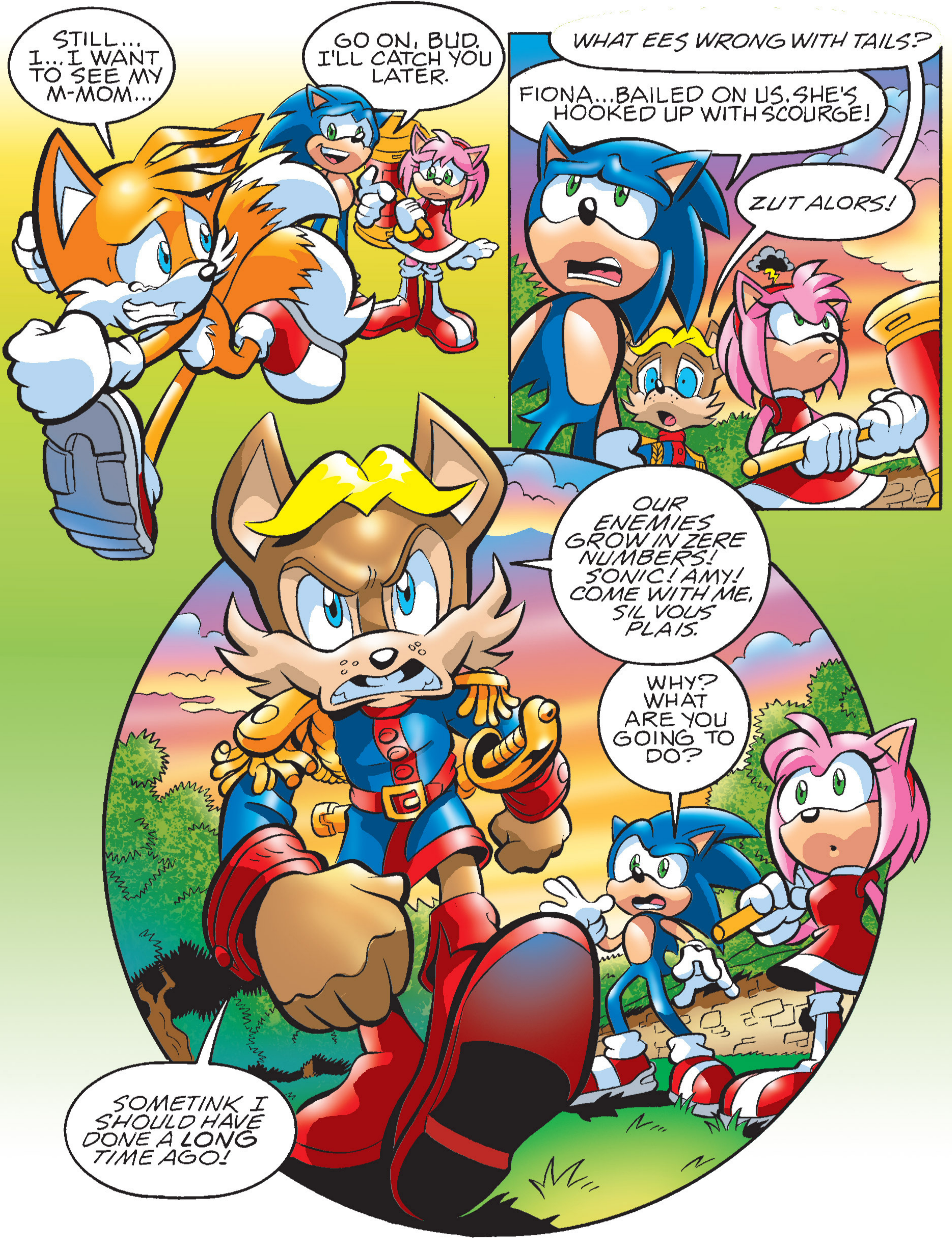


FIONA WAS WRONG. I KNOW I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU AND THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS.



AND NOBODY'S GOING TO BETRAY THAT KIND OF TRUST, ESPECIALLY NOT ME!





STILL... I... I WANT TO SEE MY M-MOM...

GO ON, BUD. I'LL CATCH YOU LATER.

WHAT EES WRONG WITH TAILS?  
FIONA...BAILED ON US, SHE'S HOOKED UP WITH SCOURGE!

ZUT ALORS!

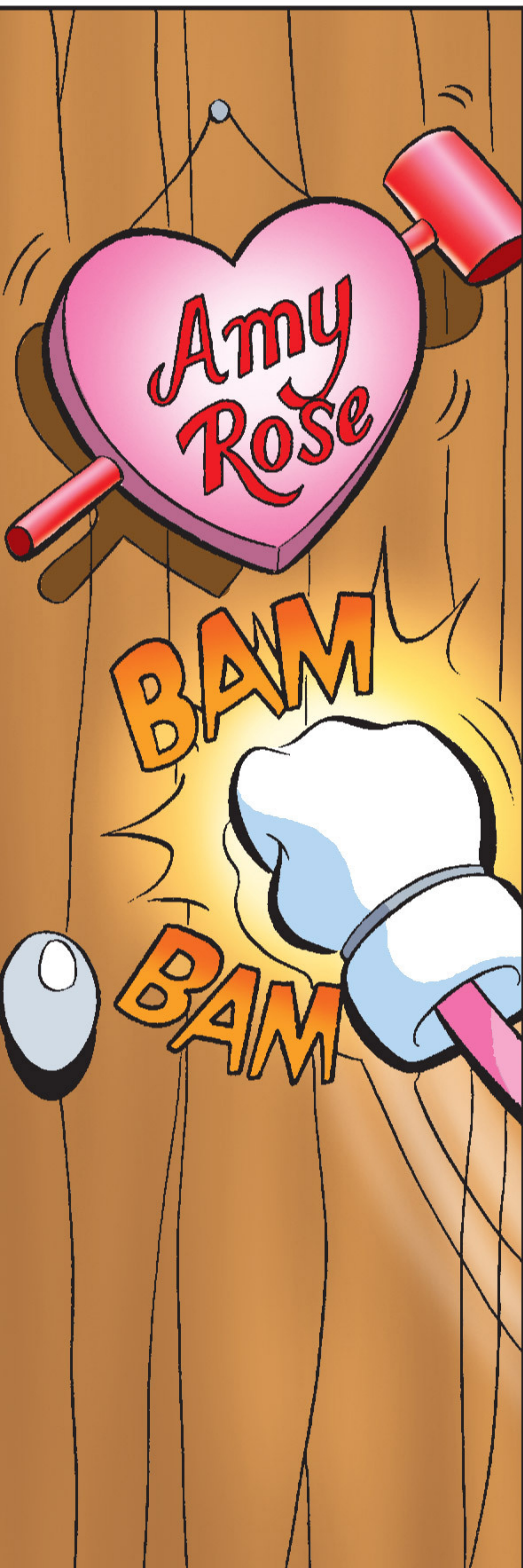
OUR ENEMIES GROW IN ZERE NUMBERS! SONIC! AMY! COME WITH ME, SIL VOUS PLAIS.

WHY? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

SOMETINK I SHOULD HAVE DONE A LONG TIME AGO!

WHAT LIFE-CHANGING ACTION IS **ANTOINE** ABOUT TO TAKE? DOES IT INVOLVE THE EVER-GROWING VILLAIN COUNT? FIND OUT IN THIRTY IN **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG # 173!**





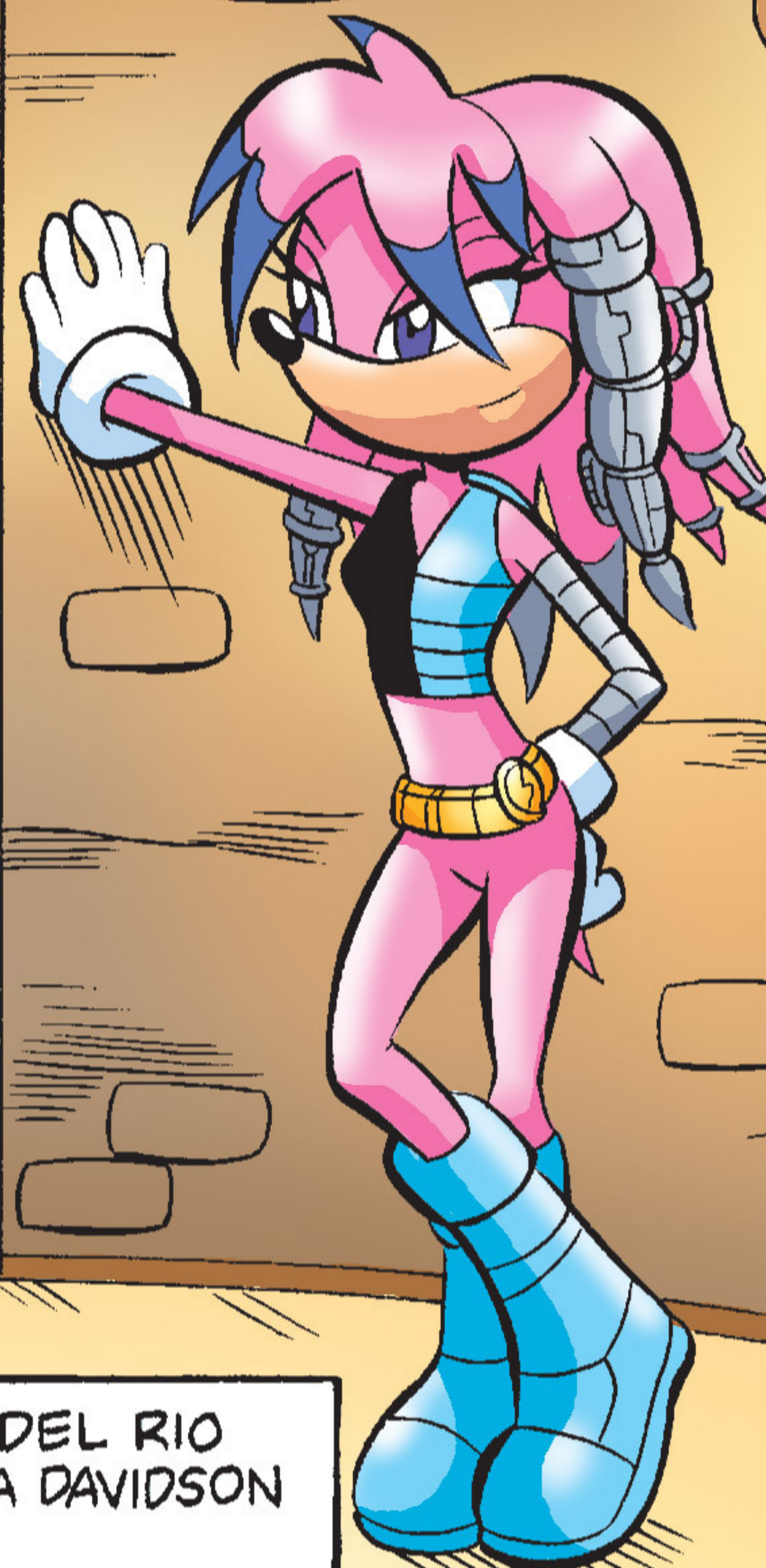
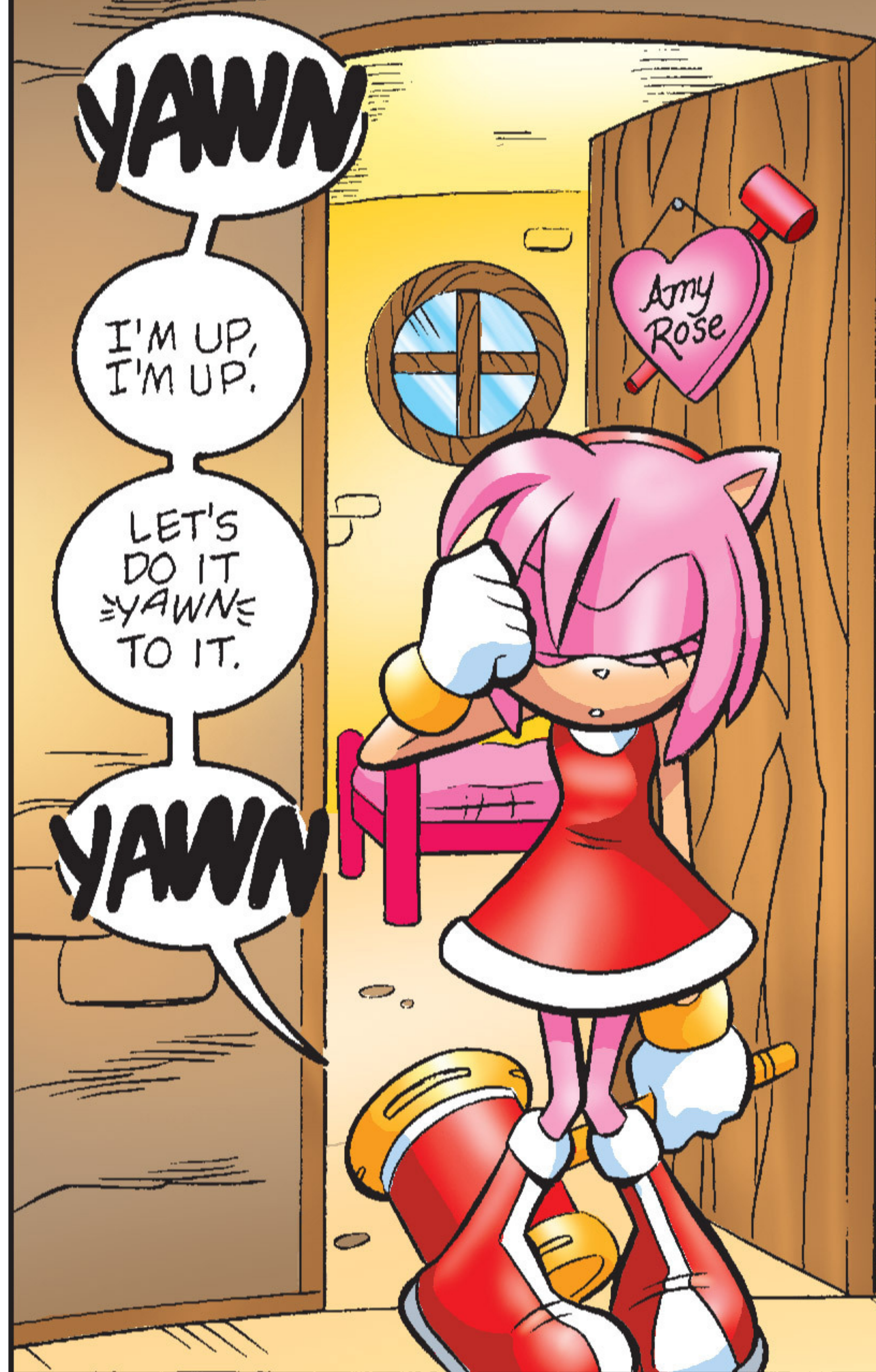
# WORTH *the* EFFORT

**YAWN**

I'M UP,  
I'M UP.

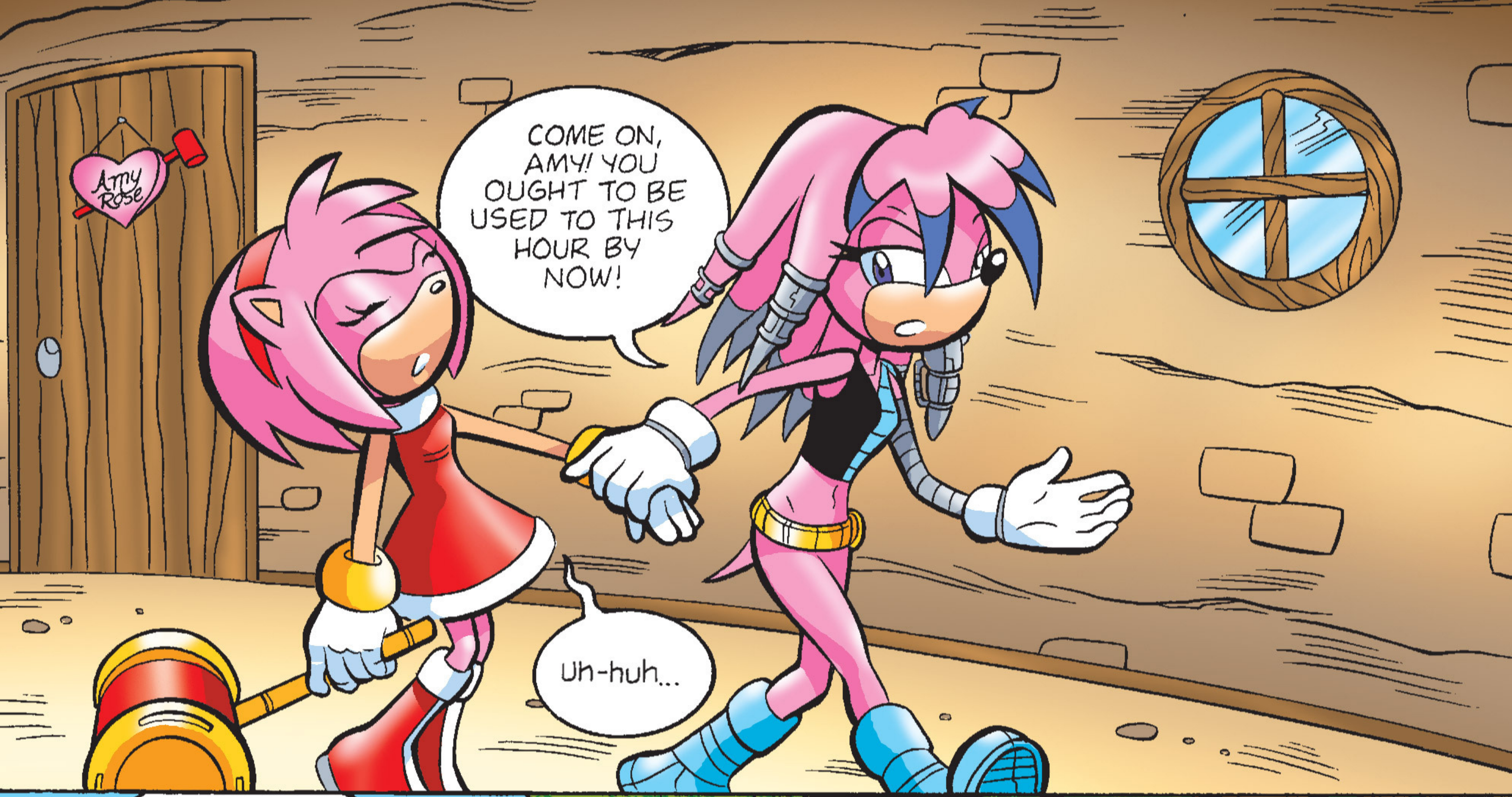
LET'S  
DO IT  
YAWN  
TO IT.

**YAWN**



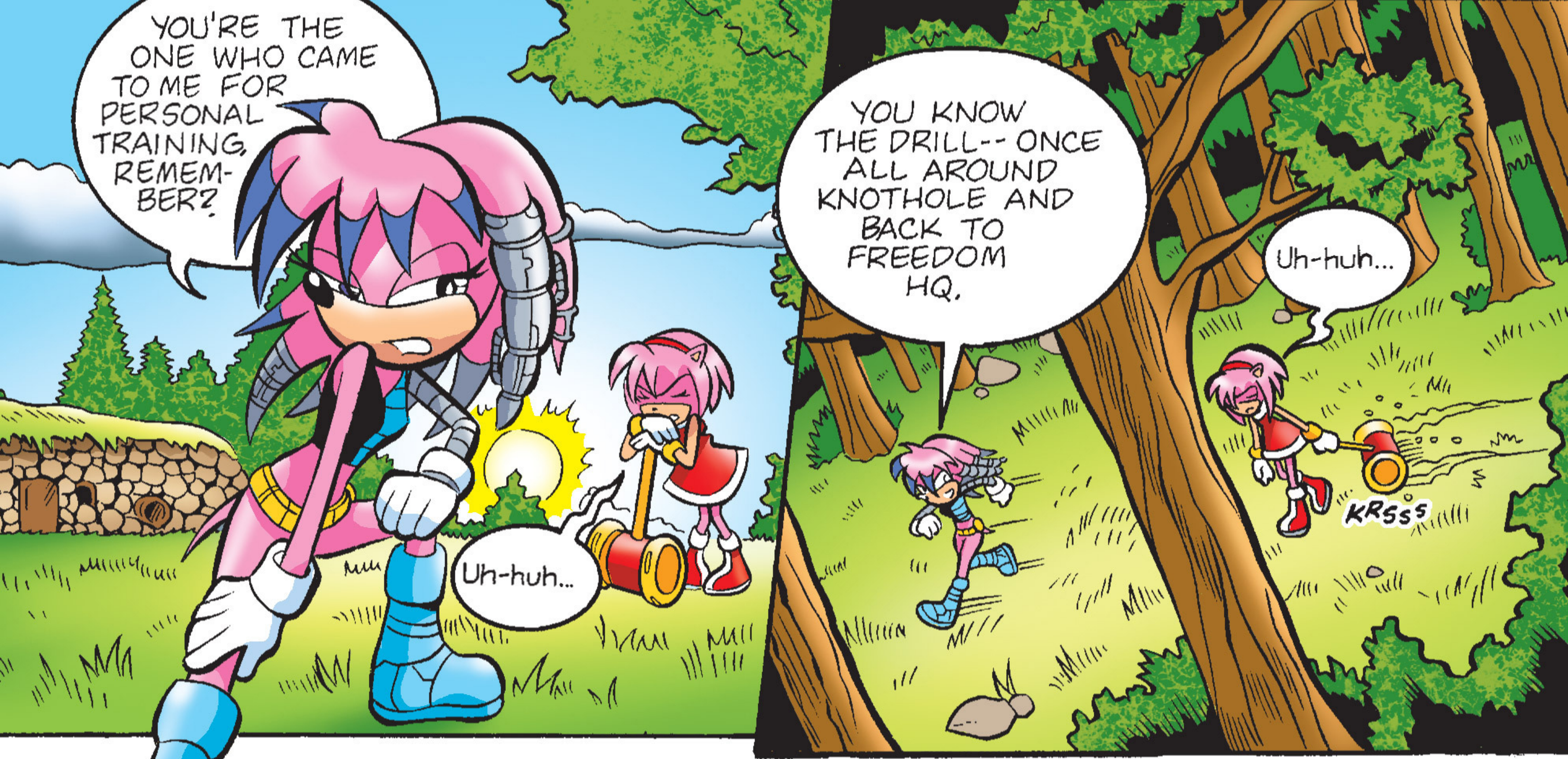
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COME ON, AMY! YOU OUGHT TO BE USED TO THIS HOUR BY NOW!

Uh-huh...

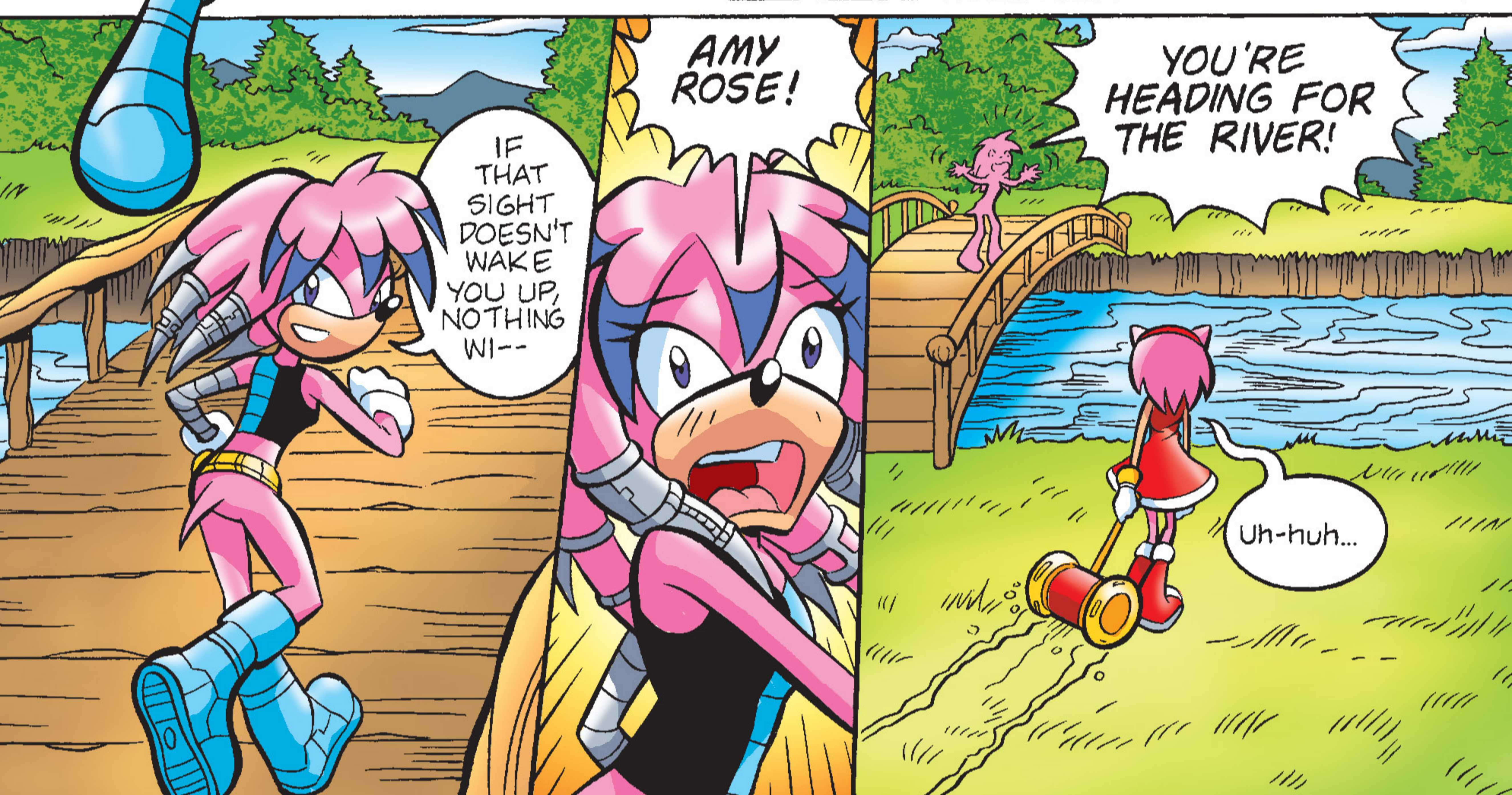


YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAME TO ME FOR PERSONAL TRAINING, REMEMBER?

Uh-huh...

YOU KNOW THE DRILL-- ONCE ALL AROUND KNOTHOLE AND BACK TO FREEDOM HQ.

Uh-huh...



AMY ROSE!

IF THAT SIGHT DOESN'T WAKE YOU UP, NOTHING WILL!

YOU'RE HEADING FOR THE RIVER!

Uh-huh...

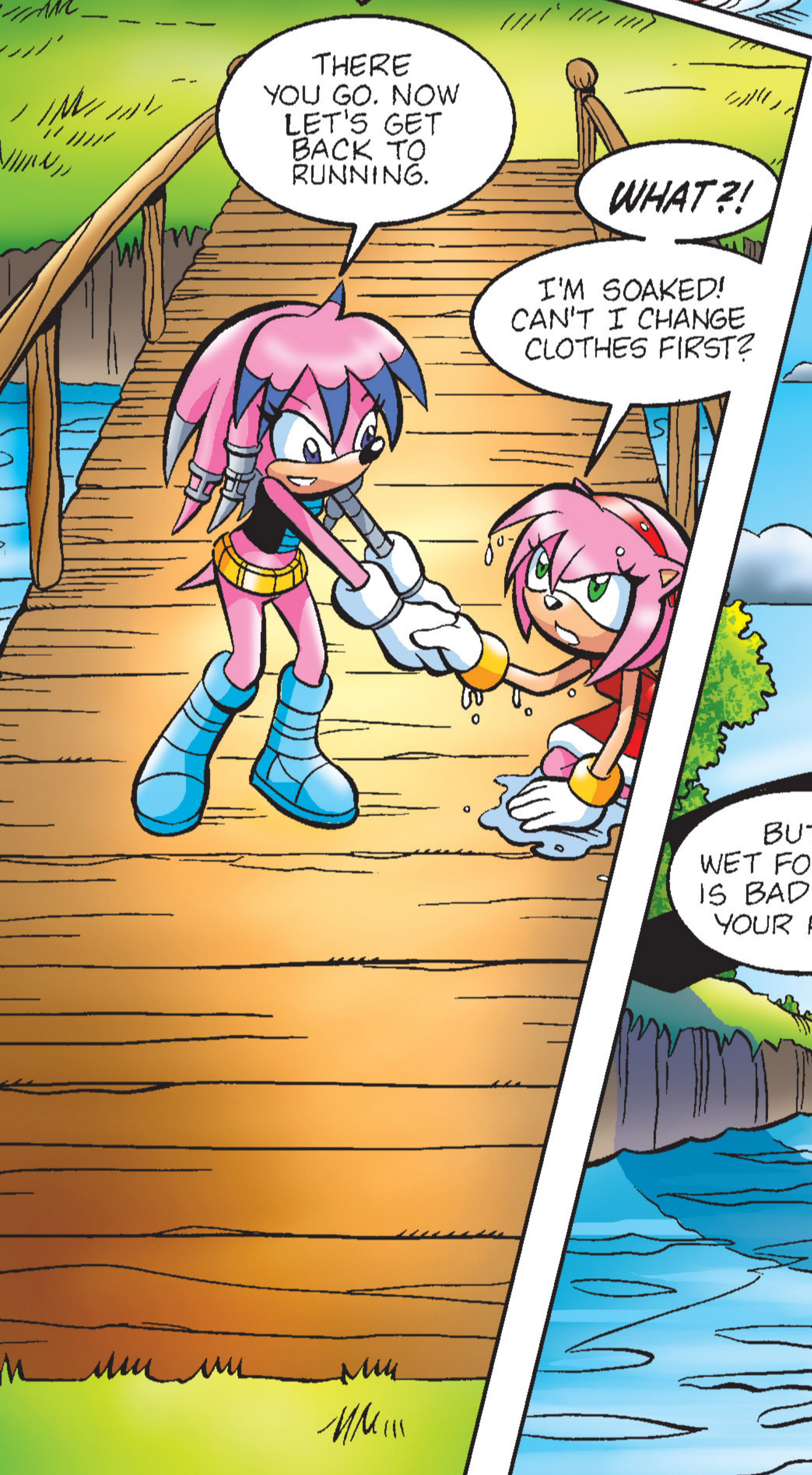




**SPLASH**  
**GAH!!!**

'MORNING,  
SUNSHINE.

Uh-huh.



THERE  
YOU GO. NOW  
LET'S GET  
BACK TO  
RUNNING.

**WHAT?!**

I'M SOAKED!  
CAN'T I CHANGE  
CLOTHES FIRST?

DO YOU THINK  
ROBOTNIK WOULD  
LET YOU CHANGE  
YOUR WARDROBE?

CAN'T I  
AT LEAST CHANGE  
BOOTS?

**NO!**  
DRY OFF BY  
RUNNING.

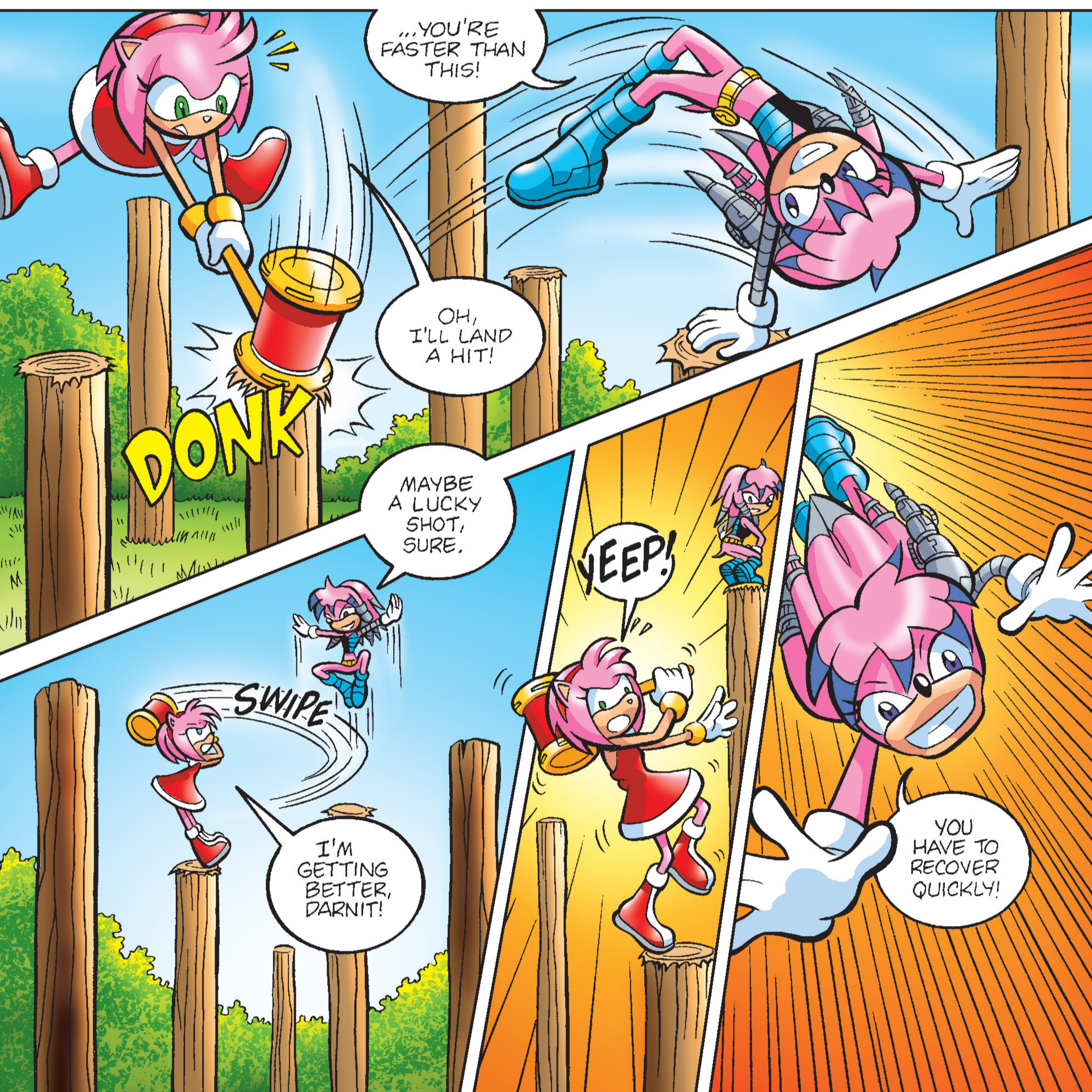
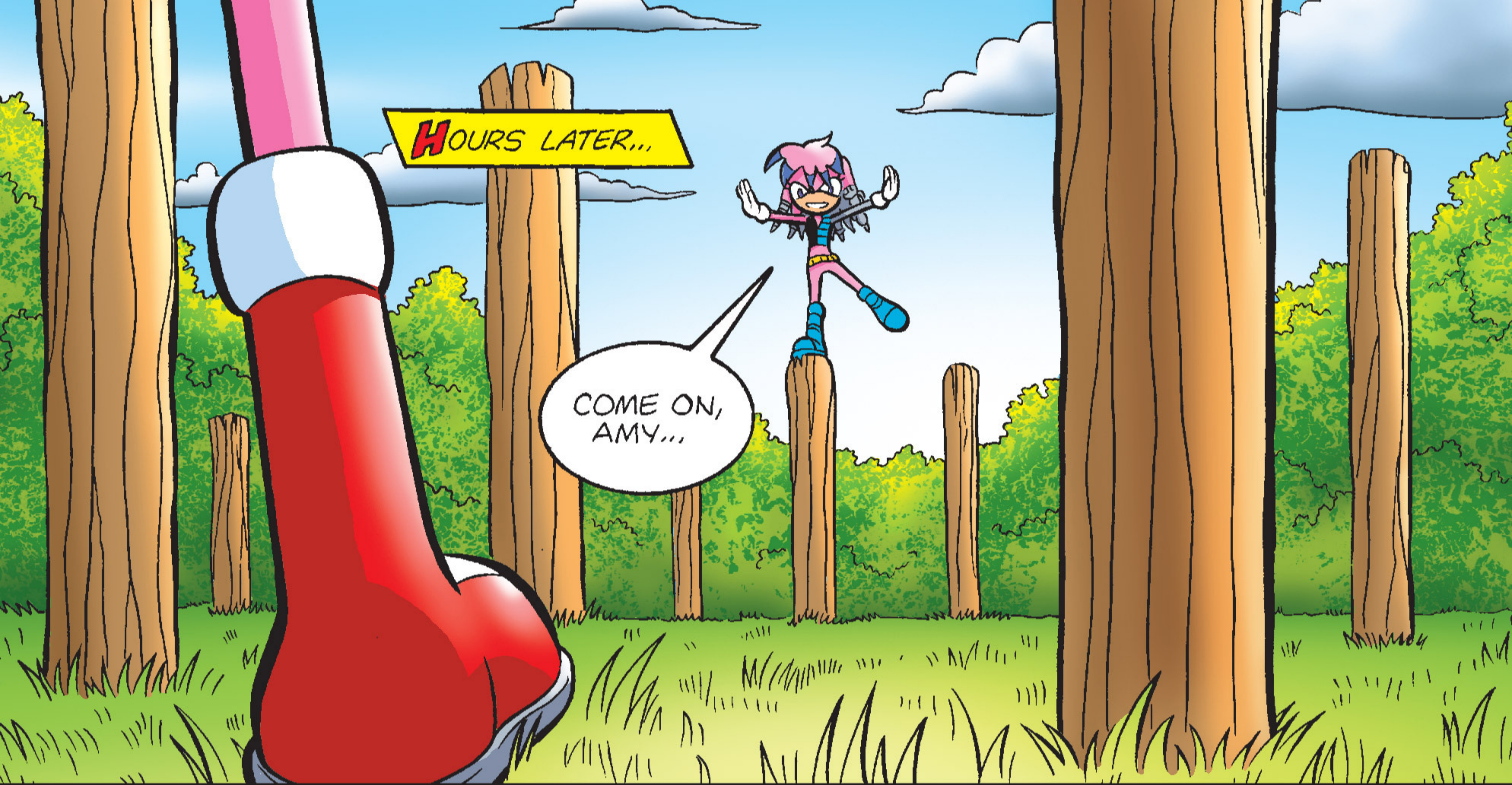
BUT  
WET FOOTWEAR  
IS BAD FOR  
YOUR FEET!

OH,  
CRY ME  
A RIV--

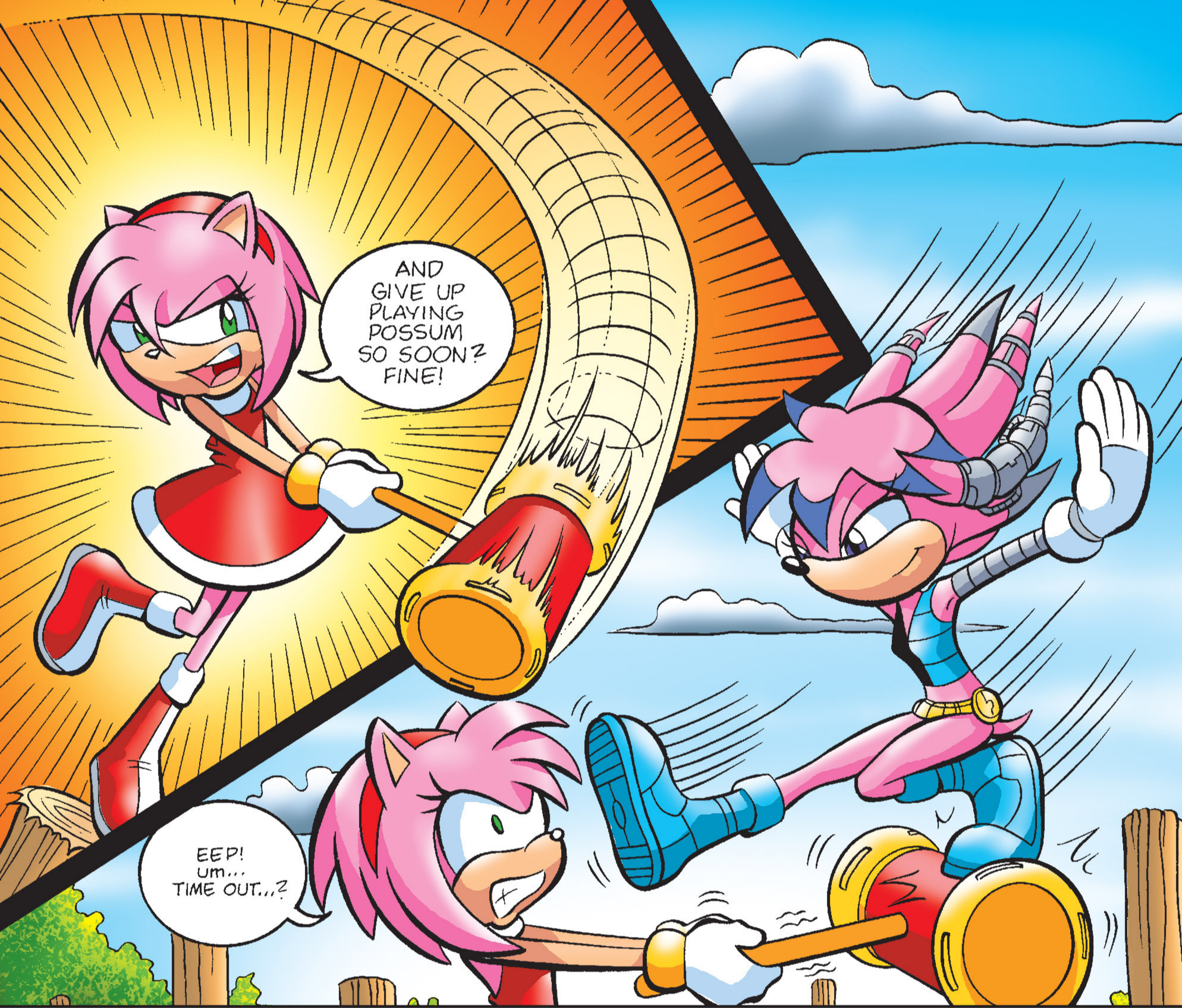
**DON'T  
EVEN SAY  
IT!**

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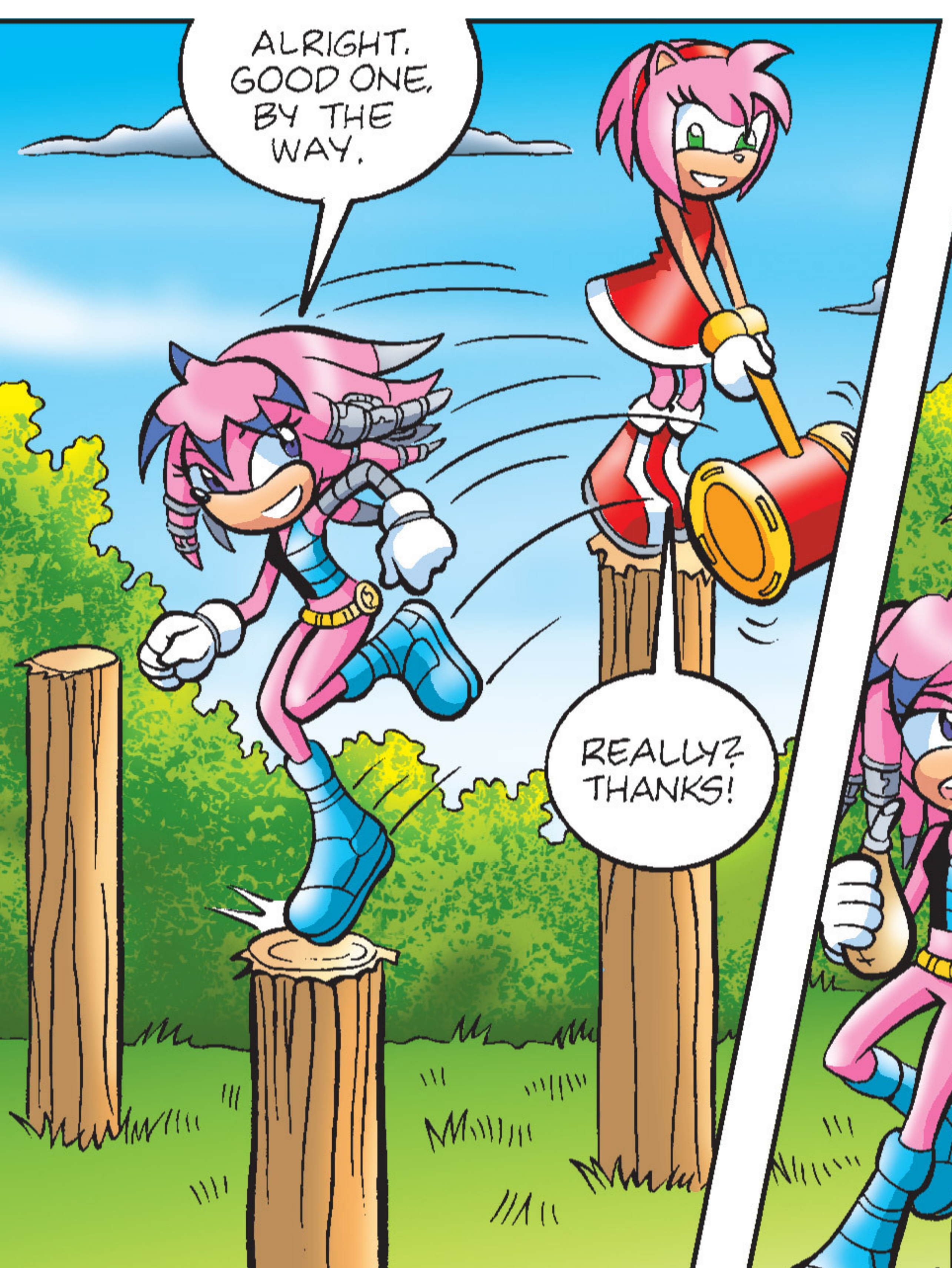






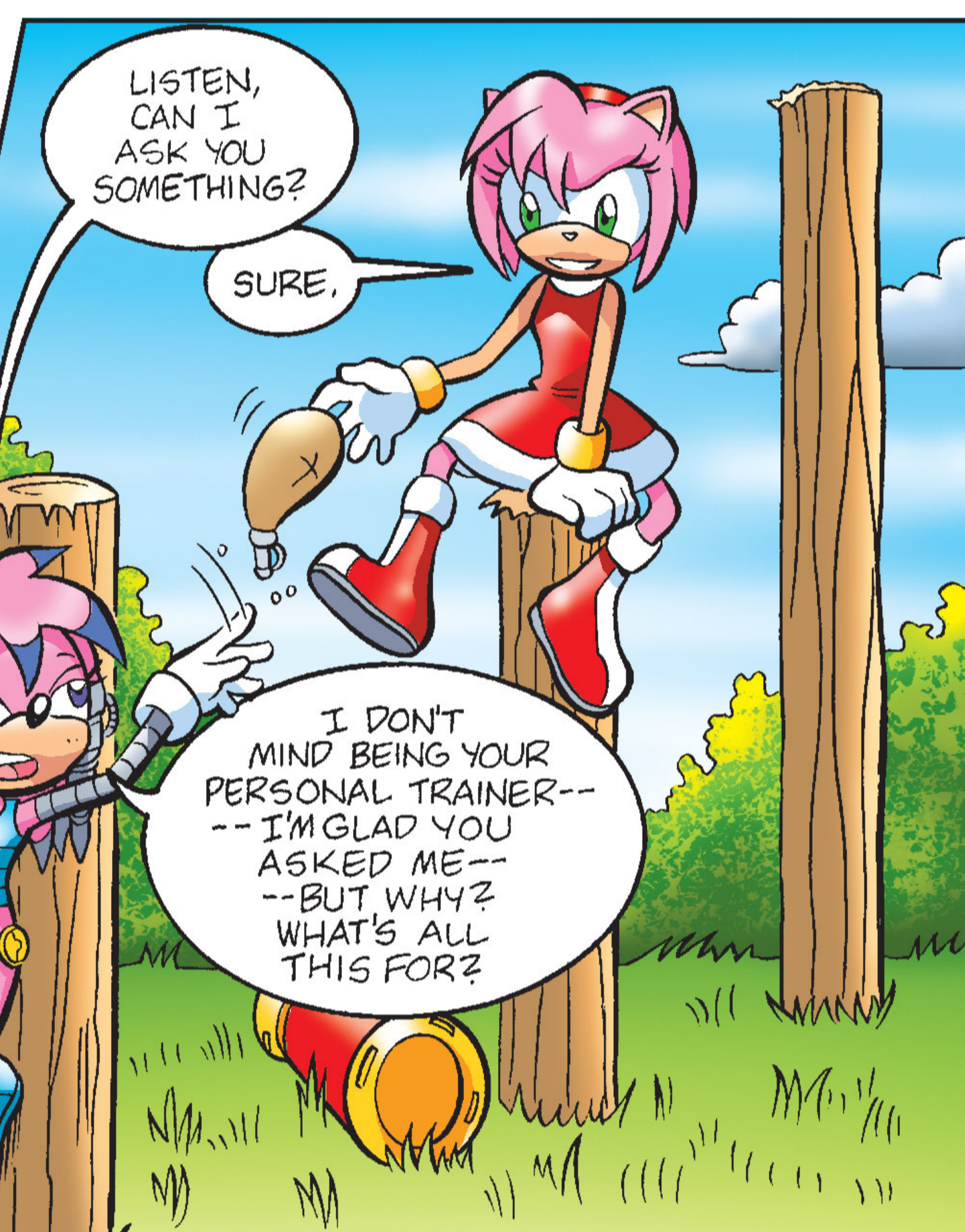
AND GIVE UP PLAYING POSSUM SO SOON? FINE!

EEP! Um... TIME OUT...?



ALRIGHT, GOOD ONE, BY THE WAY.

REALLY? THANKS!

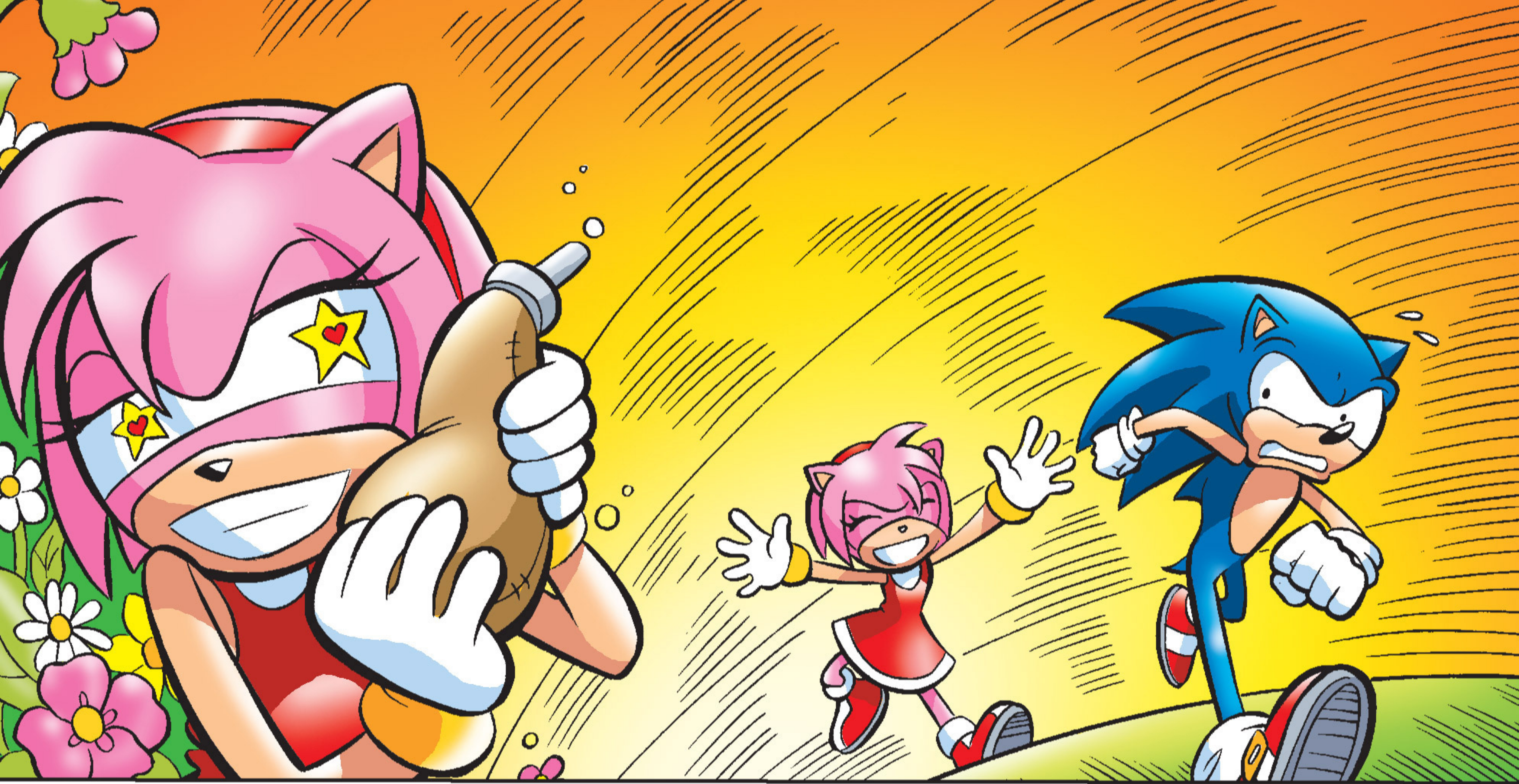


LISTEN, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

SURE.

I DON'T MIND BEING YOUR PERSONAL TRAINER-- --I'M GLAD YOU ASKED ME-- --BUT WHY? WHAT'S ALL THIS FOR?





I WANT TO BE THE BEST FEMALE FREEDOM FIGHTER SO SONIC WILL NOTICE ME!

HE'LL ALWAYS BE THE FASTEST THING ALIVE, BUT I WANT TO STAY RIGHT WITH HIM ALL THE WAY!

IT WORKS FOR YOU AND KNUCKLES SO WELL, I HAVE TO TRY!

WHAT?!

WELL, YOU TWO ARE EQUALS, AREN'T YOU? I'VE SEEN YOU GO TOE-TO-TOE IN TRAINING SESSIONS.

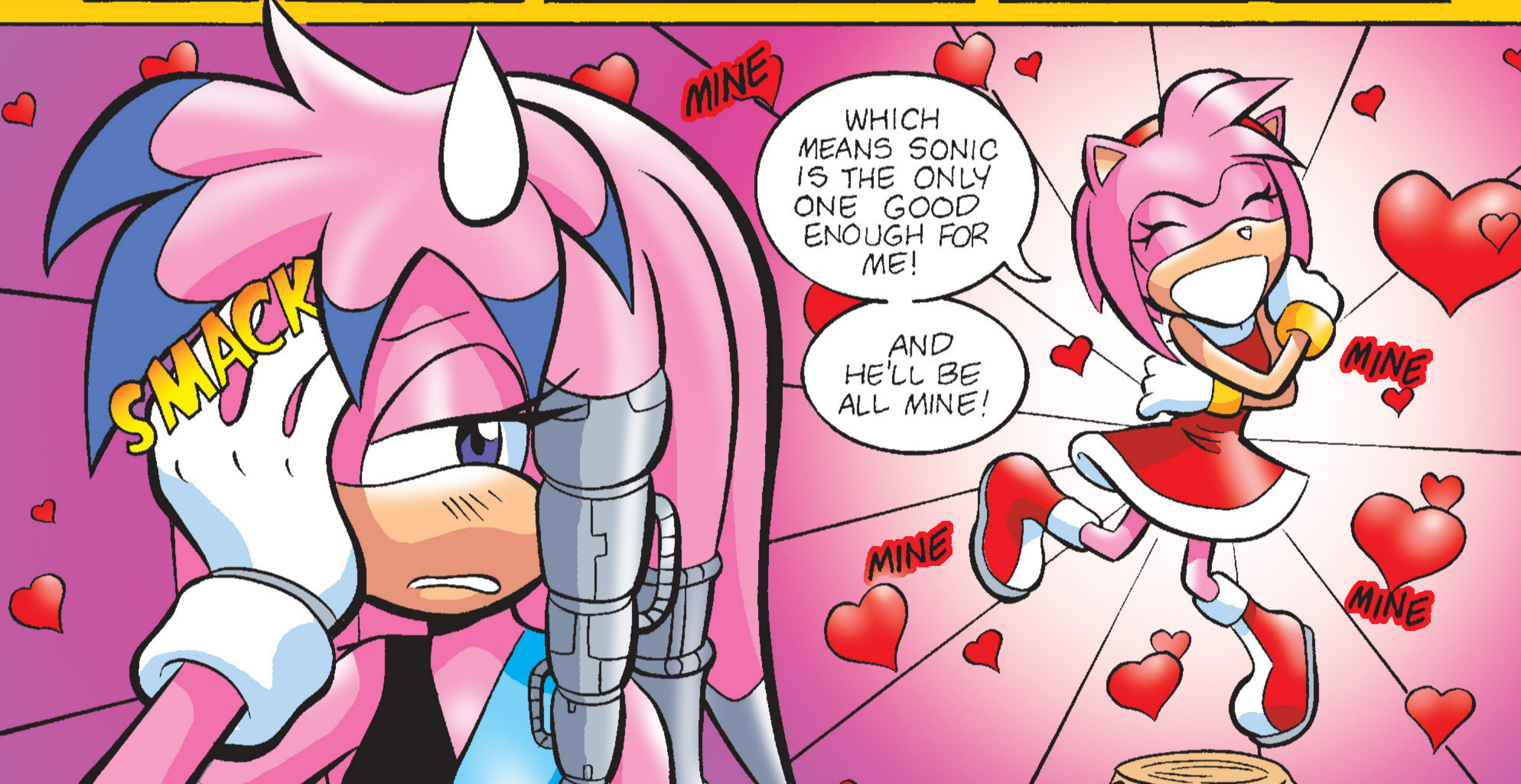
THAT'S NOT ALL OF IT, AMY...

...WE DO ENJOY BEING SPARRING EQUALS BUT WE ALSO ENJOY JUST HANGING OUT. AND HE'S THE ONLY GUY I CAN BE MUSHY AROUND AND NOT FEEL WEAK. BESIDES, YOU DO KNOW THE ONE TIME HE WAS ROMANTIC WITH YOU IT WAS REALLY SCOURGE BEING A SLEAZE, RIGHT?\*

YEAH, YEAH...

\*BACK WHEN HE WAS EVIL SONIC IN STH#150









GOOD MORNING, LADIES!

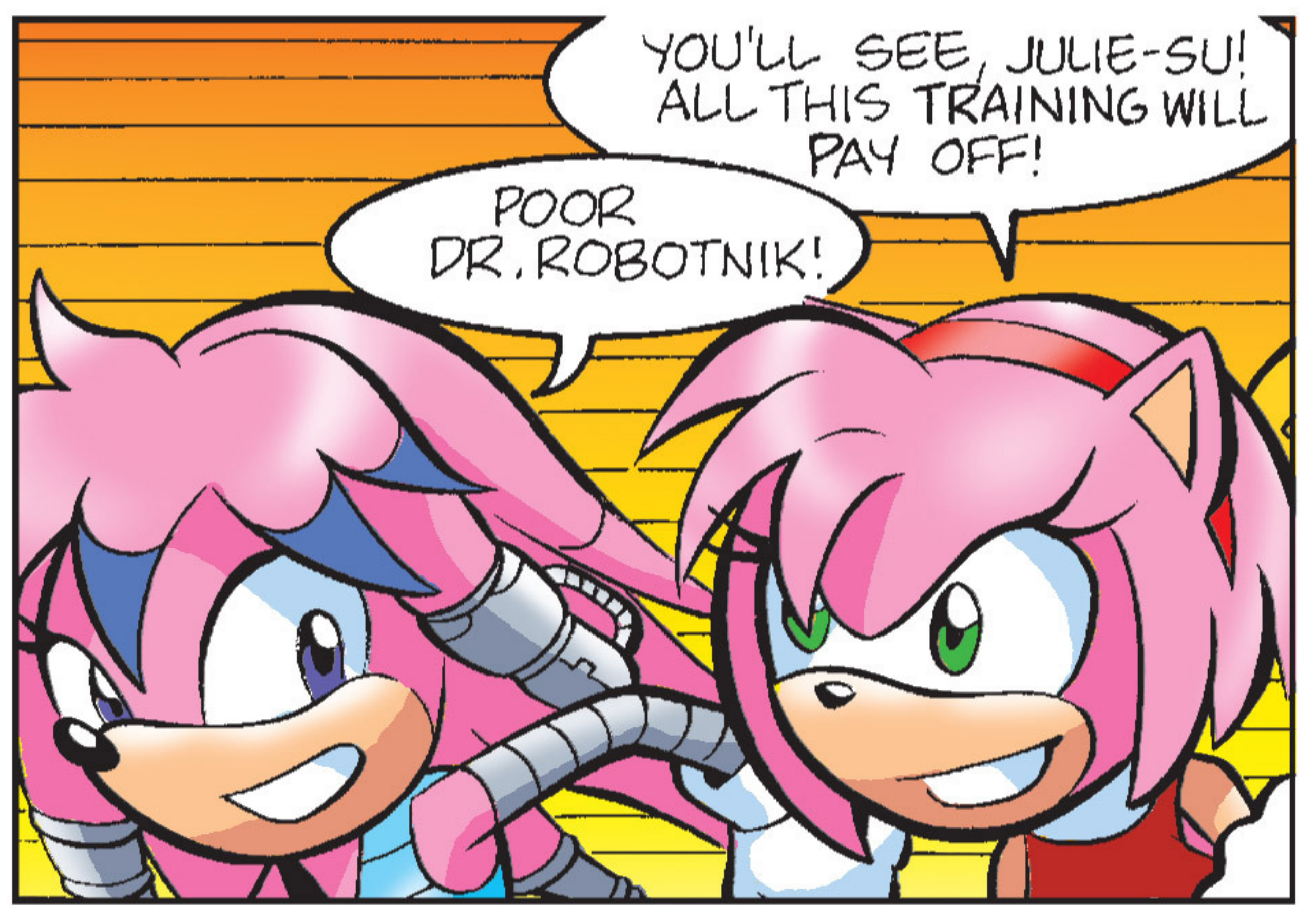
DR. EGGMAN'S CAUSING TROUBLE AGAIN. YOU TWO WANT IN ON THE PARTY?



DO YOU EVEN NEED TO ASK?

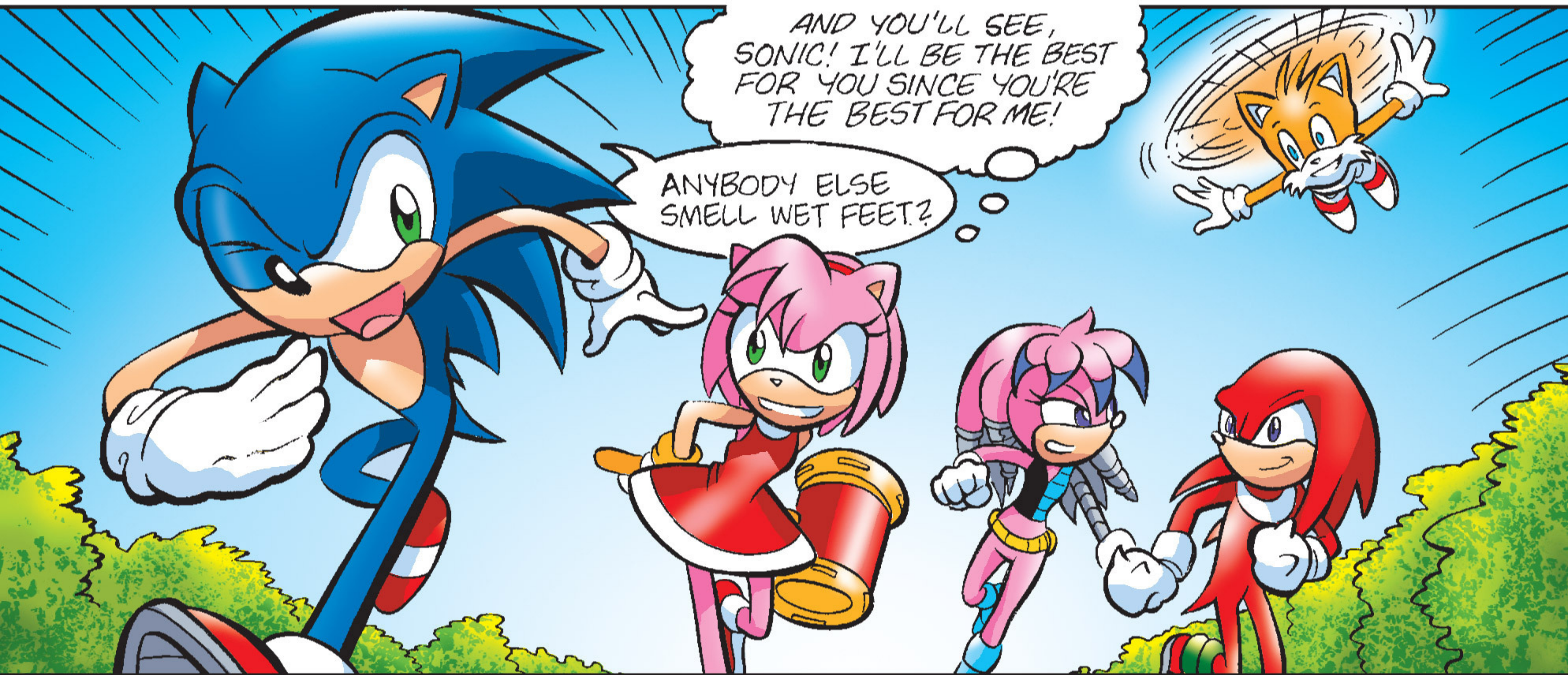
HOP

LET'S GO!



YOU'LL SEE, JULIE-SU! ALL THIS TRAINING WILL PAY OFF!

POOR DR. ROBOTNIK!



AND YOU'LL SEE, SONIC! I'LL BE THE BEST FOR YOU SINCE YOU'RE THE BEST FOR ME!

ANYBODY ELSE SMELL WET FEET?

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